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SIDDIPET: The happiness of a couple, who were blessed with a son after three daughters, was shortlived as he died just three years after his birth at Kammarapally village in Chinnakodur mandal. Baikan Rudransh, the son of Venu and Renuka, accidentally drowned in a water container at his house. A case has been registered.

Prashant Kishor floats party

PATNA: Political strategist-turned-activist Prashant Kishor on Wednesday announced the launch of his political outfit Jan Suraaj Party, a much-anticipated move by which he hopes to take the political landscape in Bihar by storm. Kishor also named Manoj Bharti, a Madhubani-born former Indian Foreign Service Officer, as working president of the party, saying the latter will hold the post till March. NATION PAGE 7

Over 100 missing in boat capsize

ABUJA: More than 100 people, mostly women and children, were missing after an overloaded boat bringing them back from an Islamic festival at night capsized in northwestern Nigeria, authorities said. The locally made boat, whose capacity was 100 passengers, had about 300 people onboard along the Niger river when it overturned in Niger State's Mokwa district on Monday night, according to officials. AP

KU Asst registrar suspended

WARANGAL: Kakatiya University assistant registrar Pendli Ashok Babu, who is facing charges of land grabbing, has been suspended. University registrar Mallareddy on Wednesday issued orders suspending Ashok Babu. There were allegations that he built a house by occupying varsity land and the same was proved during a survey conducted by the vigilance, revenue and KU officials. He built a house in survey no. 229 in Kumarpally suburb.

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Farm	Rs. 110
Retail live	Rs. 132
With skin	Rs. 191
Skinless	Rs. 218
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'Beautification or lootification'

KTR holds Rahul responsible for demolition of homes under Musi riverfront project

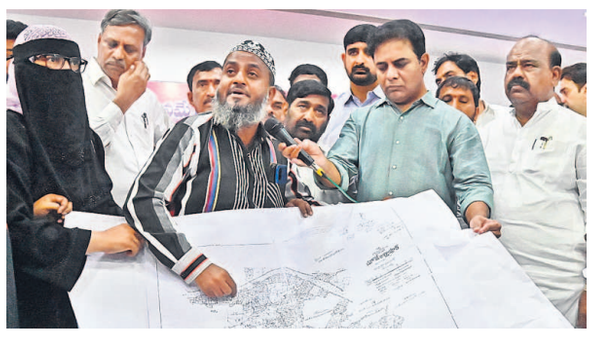
STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Wednesday held Congress leader Rahul Gandhi responsible for the ongoing demolition of houses for the Musi Riverfront Development Project, stating that the Congress leader gave his nod for the project in exchange for moneybags, ignoring public welfare. The project was being implemented under the guise of "beautification", but the real motive was "Musi lootification", he said.

"Rahul Gandhi is the real force behind the demolition of homes in Hyderabad, driving a bulldozer over the houses of the poor for money bags," Rama Rao said during an informal interaction with the media at Telangana Bhavan.

Stating that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was merely the face of the project while Rahul Gandhi was running the show, he said Gandhi, who promised to come whenever anyone from Telangana called, was nowhere to be found while the poor were suffering.

Rama Rao questioned the Congress leadership's motives and vowed to expose its involvement in corrupt practices soon. He said he was also aware of the contractor to whom the Congress planned to award the multi-crore Musi Riverfront Development Project. He also pointed out the inflated expenditure for the project was only meant to fill the coffers of the Congress leadership. "This is a Rs 16,000-crore project, but the Congress is spending Rs 1.5 lakh crore. Where is the extra money going?" he asked.



BRS working president KT Rama Rao with residents of the project-affected areas, during a press conference on Wednesday.

> Rahul Gandhi is the real force behind the demolition of homes in Hyderabad, driving a bulldozer over the houses of the poor for money bags — **KT RAMA RAO,** BRS WORKING PRESIDENT

The former Minister also questioned the silence of BJP leaders on the issue, stating that the project had received approval from the Governor under pressure from the Centre. "Why is the BJP silent on this? The Governor gave permission for the ordinance under pressure from the Centre. This is a joint scam by the Congress and BJP," he said, demanding that the State government convene a special Assembly session to discuss the matter in detail.

Rama Rao said the Congress was spreading misinformation about the project's benefits, particularly regarding job creation. "The Congress claims that the Musi project will create lakhs of jobs. Where are these jobs coming from? In reality, 35 lakh people have lost their jobs due to faulty policies such as HYDRAA and increased taxes," he said, also questioning the environmental and social impact of the project, stating that there was no proper study or survey to assess the same. "There is no clear plan. No survey, no report, no benefits outlined. Yet this government is ready to spend lakhs of crores while displacing thousands of poor families," he said.

Rama Rao did not spare the Congress Ministers, charging them with ignorance and complicity. He said Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy lacked any knowledge about the Musi project and its impact. "If Venkat Reddy has the courage, he should visit the affected areas and explain the project to the people. Let him see how the people react," he said. (SEE PAGE 2)

Eight Israeli soldiers killed in combat with Hezbollah

51 killed in Gaza during ground operations, airstrikes

DEIR AL-BALAH

Israel's ground incursion into Lebanon to battle Hezbollah militants left eight Israeli soldiers dead on Wednesday, as the region braced for further escalation as Israel vowed to retaliate for Iran's ballistic missile attack a day earlier.

The Israeli military said seven soldiers were killed in two separate attacks, without elaborating. The assaults were among the deadliest against Israeli forces in months. Another seven troops, including a combat medic, were wounded.

Earlier, the military had announced that a 22-year-old captain in a commando brigade was killed in Lebanon, the first Israeli combat death since the start of the incursion. The announcements came on the eve of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish new year.

In Gaza, Israeli ground and air operations in a hard-hit city killed at least 51 people, including women and children, Palestinian medical officials said. Hezbollah says its fighters clashed with Israeli troopsHezbollah, widely seen as the most powerful armed group in the region, said its fighters clashed with Israeli troops in two places inside Lebanon near the border. The Israeli military said ground forces backed by airstrikes killed militants in "close-range engagements" without saying where. Israeli media reported infantry and tank units operating in south Lebanon after the military sent thousands of troops and artillery to the border. Hezbollah said it wounded and killed a group of Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon after detonating an explosive device. AP

Women mourn relatives killed in Israeli bombardment of Gaza Strip at a hospital in Deir al-Balah. — Photo: AP (REPORTS PAGE 9)

ADVISORY FOR INDIANS IN IRAN

NEW DELHI: In the wake of the escalating tensions in West Asia, India on Wednesday advised its citizens to avoid all non-essential travel to Iran. In an advisory, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) also urged the Indian nationals presently residing in Iran to remain vigilant and stay in contact with the Indian Embassy in Tehran. "We are closely monitoring the recent escalation in security situation in the region," the MEA said. "Indian nationals are advised to avoid all non-essential travel to Iran.Those living in Iran are requested to remain vigilant and stay in touch. PTI

Rift in Cong on demolitions

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The ongoing demolitions targeting the homes of the poor have triggered a major rift within the Congress in Telangana, with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's tendency to plough his own furrow triggering open dissent from several party leaders.

A 'Congress party versus Congress government' situation is fast intensifying in Gandhi Bhavan.

Key leaders, including former MP Madhu Yashki Goud, former MLA T Jagga Reddy and Addanki Dayakar, among others, have openly opposed the government's actions.

They are not only extending support to the affected families, but also putting the State government in trouble, stating that the officials had no basis to fix the buffer zone and full tank level for most water bodies and the Musi river.

During his visit to the Musi riverfront areas in Chaitanyapuri and Kothapet on Tuesday, former MP and TPCC publicity committee chairman Madhu Yashki Goud warned officials against unnecessarily creating panic among the people with the demolitions.

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Conflict hits flight ops

NEW DELHI

Amid escalating tensions in West Asia, some flights from Europe to India have been impacted, while Air India is monitoring the situation closely. German carrier Lufthansa cancelled its flights from Hyderabad to Frankfurt (LH753/01) and Mumbai to Frankfurt (LH757/01) due to current situation in West Asia. PTI

Minister crosses 'line of decency'

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Less than 24 hours after claiming to be a victim of BRS' social media trolling, Minister Konda Surekha came out with abusive, derogatory and baseless allegations against party working president KT Rama Rao, in the process dragging the personal lives of actors Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Naga Chaitanya into the public domain.

The BRS working president has served a legal notice to Surekha. In a bid to target Rama Rao, the Congress Minister ended up making derogatory remarks against several actresses, drawing severe flak and triggering angry reactions from society, including the film industry and political sphere.

Speaking to mediapersons here on Wednesday, the Minister had levelled multiple baseless and derogatory allegations, also hurling allegations against Akkineni Nagarjuna's family. Responding to Surekha's comments, Rama Rao pointed out that she had made similar baseless allegations in the past as well. Making it clear that neither he nor the BRS had anything to do with the comments against her on social media, he also asked the Minister to think how the women and children in his home would feel when a person like her made such allegations. He also asked why Surekha and other Congress leaders remained silent when Congress workers were abusing BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao with filthy language. He suggested that Ministers Surekha and Seethakka should also restrain Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for his abusive and unparliamentary language against the BRS president and other opposition leaders. (SEE PAGE 2)

> **Film stars stay away from politics. Please don't drag us to criticise your opponents. As a woman in a responsible position, your comments and accusations against our family are completely irrelevant and false. I request you to withdraw your comments immediately**
> — **NAGARJUNA,** Actor

> **I condemn the derogatory statements made by Minister @IKondaSurekha *garu* and demand an unconditional apology**
> — **HARISH RAO,** BRS MLA

KTR serves legal notice to Surekha

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao served a legal notice to Minister Konda Surekha, demanding an immediate retraction of her recent statements and a public apology. He warned that if she failed to apologise within 24 hours, he would initiate legal proceedings, including a defamation suit and relevant criminal cases. The notice follows Surekha's defamatory remarks against Rama Rao, including accusation of phone tapping during his tenure as a Minister and personal allegations against him. He said the allegations were false and made with malicious intent to tarnish his reputation. He said the claims were baseless and defamatory, with no evidence. The comments were not only intended to defame him but also dragged unrelated individuals, such as actors, into political discourse. (SEE PAGE 2)

Don't trivialise my life: Samantha

HYDERABAD: Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu found fault with Minister Konda Surekha for trivialising her and dragging her name into political battles.

She implored the Minister to be responsible and respectful of the privacy of individuals. "To be a woman, to come out and work, to survive in a glamorous industry where women are more often than not treated as props, to fall in love and to fall out of love, to still stand up and fight. I am proud of what this journey turned me into — please don't trivialise it," she posted on Instagram.

Restrain your politicians: Amala

HYDERABAD: Actor and activist Amala Akkineni condemned the defamatory statements made by Minister Konda Surekha against her husband and actor Nagarjuna. In a strongly worded response, she urged Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to restrain Congress leaders from making such allegations and make the Minister retract her statements. Amala said she was shocked to see a woman Minister turn into a demon, conjuring evil fictions as allegations, preying on decent citizens as fuel for a political war. "If leaders lower themselves into the gutter and behave like criminals, what will happen to our country?" she asked.

'Adani friends with Congress?'

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Amid speculations over a possible change of guard in the Congress government in Telangana, BRS working president KT Rama Rao questioned the agenda behind an alleged meeting between a senior Minister in the State Cabinet, Congress strategist Sunil Kanugolu and representatives of Adani Group at a hotel here.

He wondered whether Adani had become friends with the Congress or the meeting was meant to usurp 84 acres of prime land in Raidurg. "Why did Adani meet with No. 2 in Telangana Cabinet in the presidential suite of ITC Kohenur today evening? And more importantly, what was Sunil Kanugolu doing in the meeting? Has Adani become friends with Congress or is it to usurp the 84 Acres of precious Govt land in Rayadurgam? (sic)" he asked.

Speculation has been rife that the Congress was planning to change the Chief Minister in Telangana, especially after Revanth Reddy drawing huge flak for the demolitions taken up with regard to HYDRAA and the controversial Musi project. Reports were widely shared on social media about an alleged meeting between Sunil Kanugolu, representative of Adani and a senior Minister who is in the race to become the next Chief Minister. Sources said the meeting was not about social media strategy and indicated that the meeting was held to devise a strategy to untangle the Congress from the ongoing controversies.

3 killed in helicopter crash; IAF chopper crash-lands

Smoke billows after a helicopter crashed and caught fire in Pune. — Photo: PTI

PUNE: Two ex-IAF pilots and an engineer were killed after a helicopter belonging to a private aviation company crashed and caught fire near Pune city on Wednesday morning. The chopper, belonging to Delhi-based Heritage Aviation, was hired by the Nationalist Congress Party, said its Maharashtra unit chief and MP Sunil Tatkare. He flew in it a day before, and was supposed to travel by it again on Wednesday, he said. It took off from Oxford County Golf Course helipad near Pune. PTI

The IAF helicopter which made an emergency landing. — Photo: PTI

MUZAFFARPUR: An IAF helicopter on flood relief duty made an emergency landing in a waterlogged area in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district on Wednesday after it developed a snag, officials said. Senior Superintendent of Police Rakesh Kumar said the helicopter was coming from adjoining Darbhanga after air-dropping relief materials to flood-hit people. "All its occupants were IAF personnel and were pulled out by locals," said the SSP. PTI

FORECAST
Rain or thundershowers would occur towards evening or night

Max. tem: 34.4°C
Min. tem: 23.7°C
RH: 72%
Rainfall: Trace

Sec'bad station to be highly fortified

Being transformed into world-class one a la airport mode

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HYDERABAD

Catching a train at Secunderabad railway station is going to be a completely different experience once the revamped station, presently undergoing a major metamorphosis to be of world-class status, is ready by the next year-end.

It will be more on the lines of operations at the airports with baggage screening, wait-in lounge and being allowed to step on to platform only when one's train is ready to pick passengers. That would decongest platforms with only those boarding a particular train being allowed and that too in time.

The Secunderabad railway station is being redeveloped and transformed into a modern station at a huge cost of Rs 700 crore. In this background, the Railways has decided to convert this station into an airport-style complex with strong security features.

Rani Kamalapati railway station in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh was the first to achieve the distinction of being transformed into a world-class railway station in the country. But, three years have passed since the baggage scanning system was installed there at a huge cost, but is still not put in use.

The Secunderabad railway station is being redeveloped into a modern station at a huge cost of Rs 700 crore, with baggage screening and a wait-in lounge.

Given this, the authorities have decided to take measures to prevent such a situation here.

Secunderabad railway station has entrances from Platform No.1 side and Platform No.10, Bhoiguda side. Both of these will continue even after modernisation with a huge baggage screening machine system installed on each side of these two routes at a cost of Rs 3 crore.

It will be mandatory for passengers to carry their baggage through this screening to complete the checking. For this, they have to reach the station a little earlier than the departure time of the train. At present, passengers entering the station are directly reaching the platforms. But, this would not be possible in the modern station. After getting the ticket, the passengers have to proceed through the concourse to the passenger waiting hall. That's where they should sit or shop.

An announcement is made around 15 minutes before the arrival of the train on the platform and only then passengers will be allowed on the platform.

Rushing to the platform just in time for the departure of the train is a routine at the stations. But, after the new station building is available, the officials are planning to not allow such passengers since mandatory baggage checking will be in place.

Many times beggars and vagabonds are seen entering the railway station premises and occupying spots during the dusk time to sleep, and the security and screening will ensure they are stopped.

Currently, only three stations are being prepared in South Central Railway (SCR) as world-class stations. While Tirupati and Nellore are in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana has only Secunderabad railway station.

TiE Women Global Pitch regional finals 2024 held

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Ten out of 142 women, who were shortlisted and reached the final, pitched their ideas to the jury at the regional finals of TiE Women Global Pitch Competition held here.

The competition provides a platform for women entrepreneurs to showcase their innovative business ideas and gain valuable exposure. Dr Nalluri Hima Bindu, founder and chairperson of EasyLife Mobility Innovations received Rs 15,000 prize money as first runner-up for her startup which is into electrical wheelchair manufacturing and Dr Ramya, co-founder & CEO of Osteoforge Medtech, received Rs 10,000 as prize money as second runner-up.

Raga Shailaja, founder, Gravy Stories bagged an elevator pitch award, a press release said. T Hub CEO Mahankali Srinivas Rao said according to a survey published, 21 per cent of businesses of 63 million businesses registered in India are owned by women. Of these, 1 per cent employed more than 10 people. If more women run startups employ at least 5 people, 130 million additional jobs will be created, he said.

Murali Bukkapatnam, vice-chair, TiE Global Board of Trustees, and Srinivas Chandupatla, president, TiE Hyderabad, participated.

TT-NT shopping bonanza: Winners announced for Day 1

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The first draw as part of 'Telangana Today' and 'Namasthe Telangana' Dasara Shopping Bonanza was held at Manepally Jewellers, Punjagutta, on Wednesday.

On the first day of the lucky draw, the first prize of 32 inch television was bagged by a shopper of Manepally Jewellers, Chandanagar branch, B Sai, and the second prize of Smartphone went to Anusha who had shopped at KLM Fashion Mall, Ameerpet. The third prize of a gift voucher was won by Chitti Indu who shopped for a car at Kun Hyundai.

M Rajesh, store manager of Manepally Jewellers, Punjagutta, expressed happiness at being part of the Dasara Shopping Bonanza which is being organised for the last decade. 'Namasthe Telangana' Advertisement AGM Raji Reddy said as part of the festive bonanza that is on till October 9, people can check the details in 'Telangana Today' and 'Namasthe Telangana' and shop from the select outlets to be eligible for winning the prizes. Store manager G Raju said Manepally Jewellers has a wide array of jewellery to suit all choices.

The first prize of 32-inch television was bagged by a shopper of Manepally Jewellers, Chandanagar branch.

The grand Dasara shopping bonanza has KLM Fashion Mall as main sponsor and is powered by Almond House, while Big C is gift sponsor, TNews is TV partner, S TV is digital partner and the other partners include Kun Hyundai, Harsha Toyota, Orange Group, Manepally Jewellers, Bank of Baroda and Punjab National Bank.

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TMREIS wards shine

Twenty two students of Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society (TMREIS) secured MBBS seats in the first round of NEET - UG 2024 counselling. Of the 206 students who appeared for NEET-UG 2024, 137 students (85 boys and 52 girls) successfully qualified. In the first phase of counselling, 22 students bagged medical seats. The society is expecting 50 more seats in the second and third phases of counselling.

HYDERABAD

Induction session

The Osmania University's Department of Business Management organised an induction for newly joined students of MBA, MBA Technology Management and MBA Tourism & Travel Management during the academic year 2024-25. The University College of Commerce and Business Management Principal and Dean, Faculty of Management, Prof. D Sreeramulu addressed the students.

HYDERABAD

Awareness programme

The DPIIT IPR-Chair at OU, along with Cell for IPR Promotion and Management, GoI, conducted an IPR awareness programme on 'Copyright and AI: Issues and Challenges'. DPIIT IPR-Chair Prof GB Reddy stressed the importance of IPR, nexus between the copyright and generative AI. Resolute4IP, LCGC Resolute Group of Companies, Head - Legal & IPR, Subhajit Saha said there was a need to embrace AI.

Cancer awareness walk by FLO, KIMS

Nearly 100 members of FLO participated in the 5K walk.

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

FICCI Ladies Organisation, in collaboration with KIMS Kondapur, organised a Cancer Awareness Walk from Botanical Gardens to KIMS Kondapur on Wednesday to mark the month-long breast cancer awareness month of October.

Nearly 100 members of FLO along with their family members participated in a 5K walk holding placards and spreading awareness about cancer, early detection, etc.Speaking on the occasion, Priya Gazdar, chairperson of FLO, said, "As the incidence of cancer is increasing rapidly, it is important to step up cancer literacy and knowledge among the population. Awareness and early detection are the only way forward."

The walk concluded at KIMS Kondapur, where Torn Curtains, one of the oldest theatre groups in Hyderabad led by Mala Pasha, performed a play.

BITS Pilani, Impactsure sign MoU

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

BITS Pilani Hyderabad signed a MoU with Impactsure Technologies, a AI/ML-powered intelligent document processing and analytics SaaS company, to facilitate research collaboration. The collaboration will focus on leveraging the power of both Large and Small Language Models (LLMs and SLMs) to develop new software for business and finance.

The partnership aims to leverage BITS Pilani's strong academic research capabilities and Impactsure's cutting-edge AI and ML technologies to explore innovative and impactful solutions for enterprises and the BFSI sectors.

Focus will also be on advanced analytics solutions, intelligent information and document processing.

Festive Cheer

Children play Bathukamma at SARAS Fair 2024 organised by the SERP at People's Plaza on Wednesday. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

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Rift in Cong on demolitions

Madhu Yashki Goud assured the people that though officials had marked some houses in the area, he would ensure that no bulldozer came into the area. He also said he would file court cases on their behalf.

"The Musi river beautification can be taken up without demolishing majority of the houses. The government can construct a retaining wall on both sides of the river to protect it from encroachments. Demolition of houses without prior notice is illegal. As per the Land Acquisition Act enacted by the then UPA government, residents should be relocated by paying four times the market value of the properties," he asserted.

On the other hand, T Jagga Reddy had recently warned officials in Sangareddy not to involve themselves in the demolitions, while Dayakar advised that the government should reconsider its approach and avoid hasty decisions that harm the poor. This public opposition has fuelled a heated debate in Gandhi Bhavan, with some describing the situation as "Congress government Vs Congress party".

Adding to the turmoil, several senior Congress leaders are learnt to have expressed their strong reservations during internal discussions to the one-sided decisions of Revanth Reddy. Sources said they fear HYDRAA could sink both the party and the government. They are believed to be planning to raise the issue with the Congress high command, explaining the damage that these demolitions could inflict on the party's future.

Not so surprisingly, most Ministers have distanced themselves from the ongoing demolitions. They lament that the Congress, which once championed 'Indiramma Rajyam', is now earning a reputation as the demolition government. A Minister reportedly questioned the purpose of demolishing the homes of the poor, fearing that the party could become a "lifetime enemy" in the eyes of the marginalised if these actions continued.

"There is neither a proper project report nor funds for implementing the Musi Riverfront Development Project. It has not been discussed in the State Cabinet meeting to date either. On what basis should we defend the unilateral announcements of the Chief Minister? Besides, our party leaders themselves are voicing dissent at the ground level. Silence makes more sense than speaking about it," a senior Minister confessed to mediapersons off the record. They fear that these anti-public actions could lead to a political cost greater than any potential gain from the project.

With the party high command also intervening in the issue, which was taken up with Revanth Reddy during his Tuesday visit to Delhi, it remains to see how the Chief Minister will handle the situation.

'Beautification...'

Rama Rao added that the previous BRS government constructed multiple sewerage treatment plants (STPs) for treating the sewerage water being discharged into the Musi.

Responding to a question, the BRS working president rubbished allegations made by Minister Konda Surekha, stating that the BRS was not responsible for the online trolling against her on social media. Calling out the Congress leader for her hypocrisy, he said Congress leaders were relentlessly targeting him and his party members on social media. He said she had accused him of tapping phones of some actresses, and pointed out that she herself made abusive comments about personal lives of women, causing emotional trauma on families.

KTR serves legal notice...

Despite being a woman, the Minister was unfortunately resorting to character assassination of a female actor for political gain, he said, adding that Surekha was repeatedly making the same allegations for sometime, indicating a pre-planned conspiracy to defame him. In a six-page legal notice, Rama Rao stressed that Surekha's public comments, widely circulated in the media and on social media platforms, could easily mislead the public due to her position as a Minister. He emphasised the serious nature of her accusations stating that these baseless remarks were both irresponsible and damaging to his public image.

Minister crosses 'line of decency'

Meanwhile, Surekha's comments triggered severe backlash. with several senior BRS leaders, including former Ministers T Harish Rao, P Sabitha Indra Reddy and Satyavathi Rathod, condemning her remarks. They called her outburst offensive and unwarranted. Harish Rao, while condemning the derogatory statements, demanded an unconditional apology from Surekha.

In a statement, Sabitha Indra Reddy criticised Surekha for making personal accusations and urged political leaders to maintain decorum. "It is objectionable to target someone personally, especially their family. Political leaders should focus on public issues and set an example for society," she said, reminding that Rama Rao's mother, wife, sister and daughter, too, may have been deeply hurt by the Minister's remarks.

Satyavathi Rathod also found fault with Surekha, pointing out that she was ignoring critical issues such as violence against women in Telangana, while making inflammatory comments against women in the film industry. She warned of defamation suits if such remarks continued. "Rather than speaking about issues plaguing women in the State and challenges faced by women in film industry, it is a shame that a Minister is making such degrading remarks," she said.

Former MP Maloth Kavitha said she was ashamed of being a woman after learning about Surekha's "shameless" comments. She said Surekha forgot her status as a Minister and that making such derogatory remarks had hurt not just Rama Rao, but also his family members and the actresses she named.

BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar termed Surekha's remarks as evidence of the poor culture in the Congress. He demanded an immediate apology and threatened legal action if the comments were not retracted. He also accused the Congress of trying to divert attention, with such baseless allegations, from the ongoing demolition of houses under the Musi river beautification project.

On the other hand, actor Nagarjuna strongly condemned the derogatory comments made by Surekha and urged her to respect other people's private lives. "Film stars stay away from politics. Please don't drag us to criticise your opponents. As a woman in a responsible position, your comments and accusations against our family are completely irrelevant and false. I request you to withdraw your comments immediately," he said.

Actor Prakash Raj also found fault with the Minister for her "shameless" politics, and asked why women acting in movies were looked down upon as lowly creatures.

In Brief

HYDERABAD

Ban on DJ music

The Rachakonda police banned the use of DJ music system during religious processions and warned of initiating action against any person found violating the orders. Also, the fire crackers were banned. Rachakonda Police Commissioner, G Sudheer Babu, issued orders following complaints from citizens of health issues due to high noise levels of DJ systems. Police warned of initiating legal action against the violators.

HYDERABAD

Murder case solved

The Shadnagar police on Wednesday arrested one person who had allegedly murdered a woman and took away her gold ornaments on Saturday. The arrested man V Paramesh (40), a native of Nagar Kurnool district, met Bhagya Lakshmi at a construction work site. The woman was staying alone. Paramesh started staying with her. On Sept 28, he noticed she was having about 12 tolas of gold and cash with her. He throttled her to death and dumped the body at an isolated place.

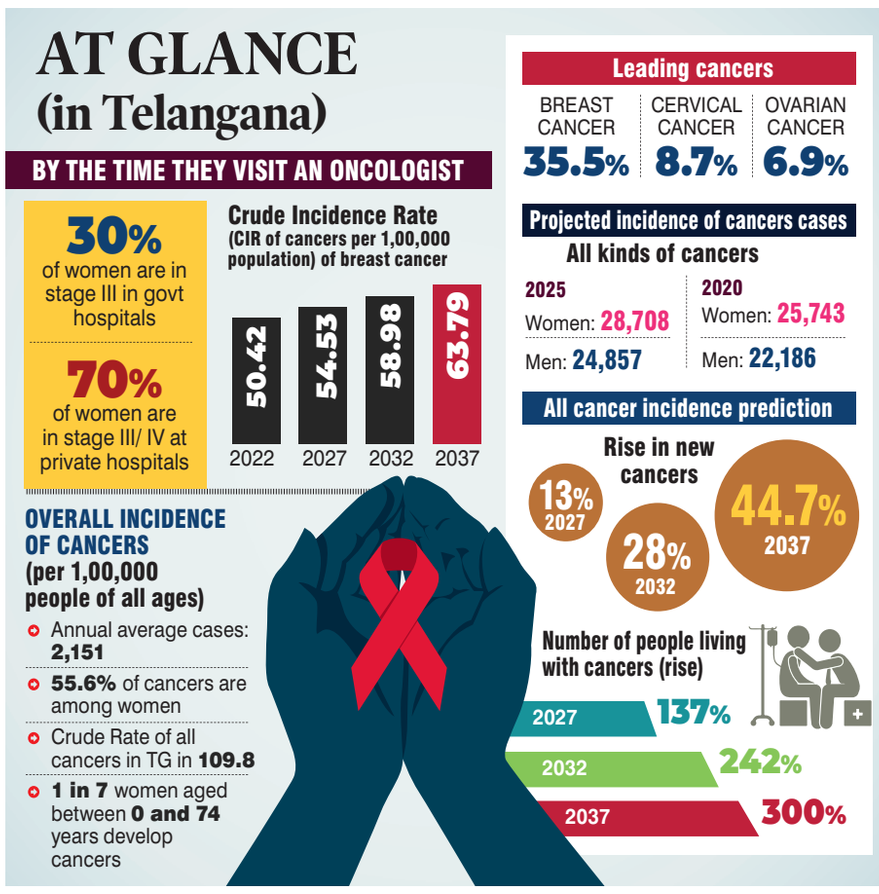
Breast cancer: A tough battle looms

Will remain No 1 cancer among women in Telangana till 2037

M SAI GOPAL
HYDERABAD

Telangana has acquired the dubious distinction of having higher burden of breast cancers among women in the country.

In the coming decade, breast cancer will remain the number one cancer among women of Telangana, a clear challenge for State government, which has to act quickly to augment treatment facilities, cancer literacy, human resources and infrastructure. About 35.5 percent of cancers among women in Telangana will be breast cancers followed by 8.7 percent of cervical cancers even in year 2037, research papers have indicated.



Development and breast cancers

It may sound counter-intuitive but there are global studies indicating that developed countries have a higher incidence of breast cancer among women. When this is applied to India, most of the developed States like Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, have a much higher burden of breast cancer than states in north-eastern parts of the country.

A study on projected cancer burden in Telangana, taken-up by the noted Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH), Hyderabad, has indicated an anticipated steady rise in breast cancer cases. "We anticipated a steady increase in number of new cancer cases and resultant workload for the State of Telangana from year 2022 to 2037. This may further be accompanied with limited access or utilization of cancer care system," the IIPH study, published in PLOS ONE (July, 2023), said.

Why is breast cancer rising in Telangana?

Based on multiple studies, factors driving breast cancer cases in Telangana are relatively low literacy rate among females, high tobacco use, and alcohol consumption among women and higher life expectancy than the national average. In addition, one in three women was found to be overweight or obese, which is an important risk factor for breast cancer. This was attributed to changing lifestyles, sedentary behaviour, unhealthy eating, and inadequate physical activity.

Based on Cancer Profile of TS by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) through cancer registries from NIMS, MNJ Cancer Hospital and Indo-American Cancer Institute, the crude rate (cancer incidence for 1,00,000 population) of all kinds of cancers is 109.8 among women while the crude incidence rate of breast cancers is close to 50, which will rise to 63.79 by 2037.

TSDCA seizes drugs worth Rs 19.35 lakhs

Files 54 cases for various kinds of offenses

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Continuing its efforts at regulating the quality of drugs that are available to the general public, the Telangana State Drug Control Administration (TSDCA), in the month of September seized stocks of drugs worth Rs 19.35 lakh, in addition to initiating a total of 54 cases for various kinds of offenses during the same time frame.

A total of 54 cases were initiated in the month of September and the nature of violations included unlicensed medical shops that were involved in the sale of steroids and cardiac stimulants (09), quacks and unlicensed stocking and sale of drugs (26), drug manufactured and sold as food products and nutraceuticals (14), unlicensed manufacturing (01), expired drugs (03) and banned drugs (01).

Overall, this year (between January and September), a total of 392 cases are initiated by the TSDCA for various kinds of offenses. Out of the 392 cases, a total of 132 cases were initiated under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, seizures for misleading advertisements, followed by 92 cases on quacks and unlicensed stocking and sale of drugs.

Cases against other offenses include 70 DPCO (Drugs Price Control Order) for price violations, 34 cases related to a drug manufactured and sold as food products or nutraceuticals, 49 cases for unlicensed manufacturing, unlicensed medical shops and godowns, physician samples and expired drugs, cases on spurious drugs rackets, 5 cases on unlicensed cosmetics manufacturing, three cases for manufacturing and sale of banned drugs and one case for misbranded cosmetics, DR TSDCA, V B Kamalsan Reddy said.

The public may report any suspected manufacturing activity related to drugs, including narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, in residential, commercial, or industrial areas, as well as any other complaints regarding illegal activities concerning medicines, through the Drugs Control Administration, Toll-Free Number 1800-599-6969, from 10.30 am to 5 pm on all working days.

Go 317: victims stage protest

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

A large number of State government employees, who have been victims of the GO 317 displaced employees from their local districts posting, on Wednesday organised a huge protest at Gandhi Bhavan demanding the government resolve their issue.

The protesters, who arrived in from all the districts, besieged the Gandhi Bhavan leading to huge traffic obstruction on the Nampally road. A large number of police personnel have been deployed at Gandhi Bhavan. According to GO 317 victims, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had assured them during Assembly elections that the Congress party would resolve their issue within 48 hours of the formation of government. However, the issue remained unresolved even after 10 months after the party came into power.

The GO 317 victims demanded the government create supernumerary posts and wanted to post in their local districts.

Hashish oil worth Rs 20 L seized

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Commissioner's Task Force (southwest) team caught a person who was in possession of hashish oil and seized 2 kg of the oil worth Rs 20 lakh from him.

Acting on a tip-off, the Task Force team caught Hantal Gobardhan alias Govardhan (32), a native of Malkangiri in Odisha who travelled to the city to deliver the contraband here.

"Govardhan was working along with one Manoj, a resident of Koraput district of Odisha. Manoj instructed Govardhan to go to Hyderabad and hand over the consignment to one person at Gudimalkapur. When Govardhan arrived at Hyderabad to deliver the consignment of hashish oil, he was apprehended," said DCP (southwest), G Chandra Mohan.

In another case, the Task Force along with the Habeebnagar police caught three persons - Syed Abdullah (32), Anas Ahmed Shaikh (24) and Irfan Raju Shaikh (20) and seized 144 grams of ogiveed ganja from them. The ganja is valued at Rs 8 lakh.

BPO employee

Abdullah was purchasing ganja from Anas Ahmed, who works as a senior associate in a BPO in Mumbai and with the help of Irfan selling it in the city. On a tip-off, they were caught at Mallepally, said the officials.

The police have launched intensive campaign against use of drugs across the city.

IIMC College holds *Swachhta Hi Seva* drive

NSS volunteers and NCC cadets and others at a cleanliness drive in city on Wednesday.

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, the 'Swachhta Hi Seva 2024' programme was organised at IIMC College in Lakdikapul, under the guidance of NSS and NCC, following the directives of the central government. The event was attended by the College Principal and NSS Chairman, K Raghuveer, and former College Principal, Purnachandra Rao.

The programme began with the garlanding of Gandhi's portrait, followed by the release of a book titled 'Inspiring Thoughts', which contains Gandhi's quotes. The book was distributed to all the volunteers.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal emphasised the importance of everyone participating in the cleanliness drive, not only to keep our surroundings clean but also to maintain cleanliness across the nation. Following the event, 45 NSS volunteers and 80 NCC cadets, under the supervision of NSS Program Officers E Ramakrishna and Satyanarayana, as well as NCC Officer Vasanth Kumar, cleaned the college premises, classrooms and the surrounding areas. Faculty members Vijay and Shyam Sundar also participated in the programme.

Bathukamma Ghat Turns Eyesore

The Congress government failed to make arrangements for the Bathukamma celebrations at Bathukamma Ghat, leaving the water filled with algae and debris. — Photo: Anand Dharmana

NCC cadets take to the skies, undergo parasailing training

NCC Group Hyderabad undergo parasailing training at Parade Ground, Secunderabad.

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

NCC Group Hyderabad cadets underwent intensive parasailing training at Parade Ground, Secunderabad, here on Wednesday. The training was aimed at developing leadership skills, teamwork and physical fitness, challenging the cadets to conquer their fears and test their limits.

The cadets, drawn from various educational institutions across Hyderabad, took part in the training organised in association with the Army Adventure Wing Parasailing Node of the Army Ordnance Corps Centre, Secunderabad. Under the guidance of certified trainers, the cadets learned the basics of parasailing, including safety protocols, equipment handling and aerial navigation.

Lieutenant Colonel Rakesh of 5 Telangana Battalion said, "Parasailing is an activity that not only tests one's physical endurance but also builds mental fortitude. Our cadets have proven their ability to face challenges head-on, a quality that is essential in both personal and professional lives."

NCC Group Hyderabad Group Commander Col Anil said the young cadets have demonstrated extraordinary courage and discipline in the training.

SBI leads cleanliness drive

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

As part of the Swachhata Hi Sewa 2024 campaign, SBI Hyderabad Circle organised cleanliness activities in and around its local Head Office on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi/ Swachh Bharat Diwas, on Wednesday.

The event was led by Chief General Manager, Rajesh Kumar along with General Managers, Deputy General Managers, and other senior officials. The cleanliness drive was conducted around the LHO premises and commercial areas of Sultan Bazar and Gujarati Galli. Rajesh Kumar said Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 is a nationwide cleanliness campaign in India, running from September 17 to October 2 and initiatives were taken up by the Bank across the State by identifying 57 Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs) as mega cleanliness drives for clearing the dirty and difficult garbage spots. The circle has taken up 15000 tree plantations under "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign across the State.

SBI Hyderabad Circle organised cleanliness drive on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi and Swachh Bharat Diwas.

The cleanliness drive was conducted in commercial areas of Sultan Bazar and Gujarati Galli as part of nationwide cleanliness campaign

Safaimitras were also felicitated and were provided PPE kits and protective gear to safeguard them from occupational hazards. A literacy camp was organised to highlight the importance of various social security schemes (PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY etc.). General Manager Network-2, Prakash Chandra Baror, General Manager Network 1 – Ravi Kumar Verma said *Swachhata Hi Seva* initiatives, create a lasting impact on public health and environmental sustainability, making cleanliness a way of life for every citizen.

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KTR invokes Bapu, slams 'unjust' Cong

Says govt elected to build, not destroy lives of marginalised

STATE BUREAU
HYDERABAD

BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticised the Revanth Reddy government for acting inhumanely towards the most vulnerable sections of society. He invoked Mahatma Gandhi's teachings to condemn the government's actions, particularly demolition of homes in the name of HYDRAA and Musi Riverfront Development Project.

Commemorating Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri at their birth anniversary celebrations held at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Rama Rao condemned the ongoing demolitions, stating that the government was elected to build and uplift, not to destroy the lives of the marginalised. He urged the State government to reconsider its decision to demolish the houses of the poor.

"Mahatma Gandhi himself said that the greatness of a government is known by how it supports the weakest in society. The Revanth Reddy government needs to be reminded of this," he remarked, urging the Congress leadership in Delhi to take note of the inhumane policies being enacted by the State government and immediately stop the demolitions if they had any respect for Mahatma Gandhi's teachings. The people of Telangana had elected the Congress to construct more houses for them, not to tear down the existing ones.

Meanwhile, the BRS working president interacted with the affected families of Musi Riverfront Development Project who came to meet him at Telangana Bhavan, and assured them that his party would stand with them in their fight against the government's reckless policies. He announced that the BRS legal team at Telangana Bhavan would assist the victims of the Musi project and HYDRAA demolitions, promising both legal and political support to prevent further harm to the poor.

Official permissions

"No house of the poor should be demolished," he declared, calling the government's actions evil and unjust, especially after citizens had received official permissions for their homes.

He also reminded them that under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao's tenure, the poor were treated with dignity and compassion, a stark contrast to the current administration's methods. "BRS will fight for the people, both on the streets and in the courts," he reiterated.

BRS working president KT Rama Rao interacting with affected families of Musi Riverfront Development Project, at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

Questions ED silence on raids

HYDERABAD: BRS working president KT Rama Rao raised doubts over the Enforcement Directorate issuing no statement even five days after conducting raids on the residence of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. He wondered whether another drama was unfolding between the BJP and the Congress.

"Why is there such deafening silence from the Enforcement Directorate after the raids on a super wealthy Telangana Minister? No statements, not word after five days? Is this drama also a part of the "Ajab Prem Ki Gajab Kahani" of BJP and Congress?" he asked.

Rice millers object to proposed CMR norms

Say they are not prepared to provide bank guarantees for allotment of paddy

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

The State government is set to introduce new guidelines for the allotment of paddy for custom milled rice (CMR) operations, which have sparked opposition from rice millers. The proposed policy mandates that millers provide bank guarantees for allotment of paddy, a move, as the millers organisations claim, primarily driven by Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy.

During recent preparatory meetings for the Vanakalam (Kharif) Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations, millers' associations voiced objections to the State Civil Supplies Corporation (TGCSC) officials.

The millers have made it clear that they are not prepared to provide bank guarantees, with some even threatening to boycott the operations. The government aims to require bank guarantees for at least 25% of the value of the paddy allotments. This change is intended to ensure accountability and timely delivery of CMR, as there have been instances of millers failing to deliver the custom milled rice within stipulated time, causing delays and financial losses to the government.

Millers argue that the new requirement adds financial strain and complicates the milling process, potentially leading to delays and increased costs. They also point out that the millers in the State currently hold substantial paddy stocks, including 28 lakh tonnes from Rabi 2022-23 marketing season and 33 lakh tonnes from previous Kharif and Rabi seasons, questioning the need for fresh paddy allotments under the new guidelines. These stocks with them support CMR operations for the next six to eight months.

The TGCSC has assured millers that their concerns will be addressed in a high-level meeting soon. However, the government remains firm on the bank guarantee requirement, citing the need for risk mitigation and financial security. The bank guarantee is seen as a measure to prevent defaults and ensure that millers comply with the terms of the agreement, delivering the processed rice to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) or the State government as required.

The ongoing discussions and potential adjustments to the policy seems imperative, felt representatives from both sides.

Complaint against Mynampally over abusive language

STATE BUREAU
Siddipet

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders filed a complaint at Thoguta police station against Congress leader Mynampally Hanumantha Rao for abusing BRS working president KT Rama Rao and former minister T Harish Rao. Later, they presented a representation to Siddipet Commissioner of Police B Anuradha on Wednesday.

The BRS leaders complained that Mynampally had threatened to rope in some 500 Congress workers to set Rama Rao and Harish Rao on fire after dousing them with petrol. Mynampally held a meeting with the oustees of Mallanna Sagar reservoir at Thoguta on Tuesday. The BRS leaders also condemned the abusive language used by Mynampally.

Above-normal rains bring relief, chaos to State

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

Monsoon season in Telangana (from June to September 2024) has been notably eventful, with the State receiving a cumulative rainfall of 961.6 mm. This figure is 31 per cent above the normal rainfall of 732.6 mm for this period, marking a significant deviation from the average.

Several districts experienced large excess rainfall, with considerable deviations from the normal. Narayanpet district received 913.4 mm against a normal of 466.1 mm, showing a 96 per cent increase. In comparison to the previous year, the 2024 monsoon season has seen a substantial increase in rainfall.

Last year, the State received 851.6 mm of rainfall during the same period, which was already above the normal. This year's rainfall surpasses last year's by 13 per cent, highlighting a trend of increasing monsoon activity.

The above-normal rainfall has been beneficial for the agricultural sector, particularly for paddy cultivation, which relies heavily on monsoon rains. The increased water availability assured with all the major reservoirs filled to the brim, has positively impacted crop yields and water resources.

The abundant rainfall during the 2024 monsoon season has brought both relief and challenges to Telangana. While it gave a big boost to the farm sector marking an end to a year of crop holidays, it also resulted in heavy losses to agriculture and infrastructure pertaining to key departments including irrigation, road communications and power transmission.

The September deluge that the State witnessed called for redefining the manuals guiding the operation of flood management protocol of key irrigation sources. As many as six districts witnessed unprecedented floods resulting in extensive ravage. Pristine forests in the State such as Tadwai reserve saw extensive damage with over 70,000 trees of various species crashing to the ground in the impact of a strange tornado-like phenomenon that was accompanied by heavy rains in the first week of September.

This phenomenon, known as 'windthrow', triggered strong gales, the force of which exceeded the stability of the trees' root system and trunk, thus causing unprecedented damage to the forest cover in the pocket. The State experienced significant variations in rainfall across its districts. Five districts - Mahabubnagar, Jogulamba Gadwal, Wanaparthy, Nagarkurnool and Narayanpet, received rainfall in large excess with a deviation of 60 per cent or above normal.

Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Hyderabad, among other districts received rainfall in excess with a deviation ranging from 20 per cent to 59 per cent above normal.

Children on a water-logged stretch in a low-lying area of Sangareddy on Wednesday. — Photo: Sathish Kumar

Overnight rain floods Sangareddy

SANGAREDDY: Heavy rainfall lashed Sangareddy town overnight Tuesday resulting in the inundation of several low-lying areas.

The town received a record 107.8 mm of rainfall during the past 24 hours on Wednesday while Mogadampally and Hathnoora mandals of the district recorded 98 mm and 61.7 mm rainfall respectively.

Since the rest of Sangareddy district received moderate rains, the district recorded 15 mm average rainfall on Wednesday. The citizens woke up to flooded roads on Wednesday morning. The cellars were flooded with rainwater and low-lying areas witnessed water-logged streets. The citizens were seen wading through the rainwater to come out of their colonies.

BRS to support ryots opposing pharma hub

STATE BUREAU
Sangareddy

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) will be supporting the farmers of Dappur, Vaddy and Malgi villages in their fight against the proposed pharma hub in their villages. The party leaders and workers will participate in a massive dharna in these villages on Thursday, to express their solidarity with the farmers.

The government recently announced that a pharma hub would be set up on 2,000 acres of land very close to River Manjeera, the prime drinking water source for Hyderabad, Sangareddy, Medak and Kamareddy districts. Since more than 85 per cent of lands identified for acquisition were fertile, farmers were getting two crops every year.

Since the streams flowing through these villages join Manjeera, environmentalists were opposing the move. As the river was also a well-known wildlife sanctuary, environmentalists warned that the proposed hub would damage the habitat of wildlife.

YTPS units may miss deadline as railway line works drag on

ANIL KUMAR
Hyderabad

The State government's plan to commission two units of the 5×800 megawatt Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS) project being constructed in Dameracharla of Nalgonda by the Telangana State Power Generation Corporation Limited (TGGenco) in October first week is unlikely to happen as the railway line works have not been completed yet. Until the railway line is completed, coal cannot arrive at the plant site, which in turn is likely to delay the commissioning of the two units.

According to sources, the signalling system at the Vishnupuram railway station was supposed to be completed by October 1, but due to repair work on the Balharshah-Kazipet-Vijayawada railway line, some trains were diverted on Bibinagar-Nadikudi route. Due to this, the work of changing the signalling system at Vishnupuram was postponed to October 9 and 10. This has delayed running the goods train to Yadadri power station from Janpahad to Vishnupuram railway line, sources said. Moreover, as the Genco was confident of completing the railway line works by September end, no arrangements were made to transport coal through trucks from the Singareni mines in Mandamarri, Bellampally, Ramagundam and Kothagudem areas. Now Genco has to wait for the completion of the railway line to commission the two units of the plant.

It is learnt that the two units would start functioning by the end of the month. Once power generation starts in the plant, which was initiated by the previous BRS government, the State will receive about two crore units of electricity per day. As part of testing the readiness for full production of power, two boiler units were 'fired' in May. It would take about five to six months before all the testing was completed to ensure every section of the two 800 MW units were working in synchrony, officials said, adding that once that was done, Unit I and Unit II would be ready for commercial production of thermal power.

Time overrun

The Genco has set a deadline for the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), which is executing the project, to commission two units of Stage I by October and the three units of Stage II by March, 2025. Although all the five units should have been commissioned by October last year, there was time overrun for all the five units. As the construction of the plant has already been delayed for more than three years, after private organisations approached the National Green Tribunal, Genco is worried that further delays could cause more financial losses.

The project, when completed, is expected to cost around Rs 34,542 crore.

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BJP demands white paper on loan waiver

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

BJP Legislative Party leader A Maheshwar Reddy demanded the State government to release white paper on crop loan waiver implementation and the list of beneficiaries.

Maheshwar Reddy said the State government was issuing contradictory statements on crop loan waiver and confusing the farmers. While Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was claiming that his government had released the crop loan waiver amounts to all the farmers, Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao was giving statements that over Rs 13,000 crore still had to be released, he said.

"Who is lying? Is the CM misleading the farmers or is the Agriculture Minister unaware of facts? The State government should release a white paper on the issue and clear the doubts of the farmers," he said.

He said the government was showing more interest in demolishing the houses than implementing the Six Guarantees.

In Brief

WARANGAL

Student dies of dengue

A woman postgraduate student died, reportedly due to dengue, in Upparpally village of Chennaraopet mandal in Warangal district on Wednesday.

According to reports, the deceased identified as Kalyani, who was pursuing postgraduate course in the Kakatiya University, Warangal, was undergoing treatment for dengue in a private hospital in Hanamkonda district for the last few days and on Wednesday, the student's health condition deteriorated and she succumbed to dengue. It is learnt that her blood platelets were not improving despite efforts by the doctors.

HYDERABAD

Inter student ends life

An intermediate student died by suicide at her house after her mother did not shift her to a junior college of her choice. M Gauri (16), of Mailardevpally, lived with her mother Nirmala and elder sister. Over a year ago, Nirmala filed a dowry case against her husband and since then, the two are staying separately. "Gauri asked her mother to shift her to a different college but Nirmala, expressed inability to do it citing financial problems. On Tuesday, when Nirmala went out to a local court on some work, the girl hanged herself from the ceiling fan in the house," said the police.

HYDERABAD

Governor, CM pay tributes

Governor Jishnu Dev Varma and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday paid rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary. Jishnu Dev Varma visited Bapu Ghat here and paid floral tributes to the Father of the Nation. Revanth Reddy, accompanied by some of his ministerial colleagues, also offered floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Bapu Ghat. union Minister Kishan Reddy posted on X: "Paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhiji at the Gandhi Statue, M G Road, Secunderabad today. Deep respect and tributes for beloved Bapu." PTI

RS Praveen questions police inaction

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar condemned the attack on party working president KT Rama Rao's vehicle by Youth Congress workers at Musheerabad. He questioned the delay in registering a case against the perpetrators even 24 hours after the incident.

"The police have not arrested the accused even after 24 hours, which raises serious questions about their role in the conspiracy," he stated.

He pointed out the double standards in the police action noting that cases were filed against BRS activists who resisted the attack on Telangana Bhavan by the Congress workers, but no action was taken against those who attempted to burn an effigy.

The BRS leader suspected that the attack was orchestrated as part of diversionary politics by the Revanth Reddy government from the Rs 1.5 lakh crore Musi project scam. He stated that the Chief Minister had colluded with the World Bank and as its agent, turned HYDRAA into a weapon for completing the beautification project for financial gains. "We will face any number of attacks by these World Bank agents and continue to stand with the people," he declared, adding that Revanth Reddy would meet a similar fate to that of Rajapaksa government in Sri Lanka for the atrocities by the Anumula brothers.

Four held with 1 kg ganja

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Rachakonda Special Operations Team (LB Nagar) caught four including two consumers and seized around 1 kg of ganja from them. Acting on tip-off, the team caught Y Gopi (25), Challa Uma Maheshwari (24), T Prabhu Charan (20) and E Nagesh (19).

KTR, Harish Rao extend Bathukamma greetings

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

BRS working president KT Rama Rao and MLA T Harish Rao extended their heartfelt wishes to the people of Telangana marking the commencement of Bathukamma with 'Yengili Poola Bathukamma'. Celebrated with great fervour by women across the State, the nine-day festival is a symbol of Telangana's rich culture.

Rama Rao said Bathukamma is the only festival where nature is worshipped, and flowers are revered as goddess. "This festival, which lacked the due recognition in erstwhile AP, has been honoured as a State festival under the BRS government," he said.

Harish Rao described Bathukamma as a celebration of flowers and nature. He urged people to preserve Telangana's cultural traditions for future generations by celebrating the festivities in all its grandeur.

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FOR LOCAL TO GLOBAL NEWS

"There is a fierce urgency for peace and dialogue... The world's conscience seems to have been dulled by the forces of revenge. It needs to be reawakened by the forces of reconciliation

JAIRAM RAMESH
Congress general secretary

Banning UN chief isn't helpful, because in the end more talks are needed and not fewer. We shouldn't deprive ourselves of channels of dialogue that could contribute to bringing about a solution

SEBASTIAN FISCHER
German Foreign Ministry spokesperson

People voted for Modi taken in by the impression that he has done a lot for Gujarat. Indeed, Gujarat is progressing. The wealth of the country seems to have been diverted there"

PRASHANT KISHOR
Political strategist

Shedding gloomy past

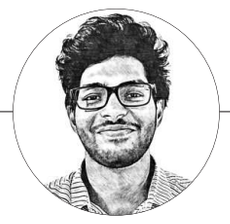
It is probably the only election where voter participation is more important than the outcome. The just-concluded Assembly elections to Jammu & Kashmir sent out a heart-warming message that the people of the trouble-torn region are yearning for peace and genuine democratic empowerment. The smooth conduct of the polls and an enthusiastic voter turnout, even in the sensitive belt where poll boycotts used to be the norm in the past, are the key positive takeaways. The three-phase polling recorded an overall turnout of 63.45%, nearly 6% higher than the Lok Sabha figure. The third phase saw the highest polling of 68.72% while the traditional boycott bastions of Sopore and Baramulla recorded their highest turnout in Assembly elections in the last three decades. As the region navigated a high-stakes election after a gap of ten years — a period that witnessed momentous developments — the seamless coordination between election officials, security agencies and local authorities ensured that the campaigning ended on a peaceful note. This was the first election held after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019, ending special status for Jammu & Kashmir, and bifurcation of the State into two Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir. It was also the first time that diplomats from 15 countries were invited to witness the election process, reflecting a strategic shift in India's approach and its confidence in ensuring fair democratic governance in a region with a long history of terrorist violence.

> The just-concluded Assembly elections to J&K sends out a strong message that the people are yearning for democratic empowerment

The valleys and the mountains, which had once witnessed fear amid poll boycott calls by militant groups, took part in the democratic festivities. Unlike in the past, there were no election boycott calls from militant groups nor was there any attempt to disrupt voting. There is a growing desire among the people to actively engage in shaping their future. In the recent Lok Sabha elections too, many enthusiastic voters queued up at the polling booths to exercise their franchise. The incident-free voting signals public faith in the electoral process. This is despite considerable anger over the Centre's decision to convert the State into union territory. The elections in Jammu & Kashmir are not just a domestic affair as they hold international significance, particularly in the light of a long history of cross-border terrorism nurtured by Pakistan. The international community has frequently raised concerns about the human rights situation in the region, especially after the revocation of Article 370. By showcasing a peaceful and organised election, New Delhi effectively addressed these concerns head-on and presented Kashmir as a region moving towards stability and development. Areas near the Line of Control and the international border, usually vulnerable to disruptions, remained calm, with polling stations set up in even the most sensitive regions. This successful election campaign has not only fortified faith in the region's governance but also shown the world that democracy can thrive against all odds.

Why Russia needs Mongolia

Putin's visit to Mongolia should be seen beyond symbolism and a course correction by Russia



RAJOLI SIDDHARTH JAYAPRAKASH

On September 2, a detachment of 20 horsemen in ceremonial uniforms akin to the ones donned by the personal guards of the first Genghis Khan of the Mongolian army gave a guard of honour for Russian President Vladimir Putin outside the Presidential palace in Ulan Bator. A rare event, it reflected the importance of Russia for Mongolia.

Putin visited Mongolia to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the joint victory on the Khalkhin-Gol River against the Japanese. This visit gained significant attention from the West, given Mongolia's status as a Rome Statute signatory, which aligns it with the International Criminal Court's jurisdiction that had issued an arrest warrant against Putin over alleged war crimes in Ukraine. Mongolia, however, snarked at requests to put handcuffs on its key strategic partner's President.

The Western media coverage of Putin's visit to Mongolia was seen as Russia's ploy to manifest Russia-Mongolia relations as one being untouched by the forces of international law. However, contrary to such symbolistic statements, Putin's reason for this visit, along with prospects of increasing bilateral partnership, was to course-correct and revive the Mongolian section of the Power of Siberia-2 pipeline, known as the Soyuz Vostok pipeline. The 962 km section of the pipeline is pivotal in the transhipment of 50 billion cubic metres of gas from Russia to China. Last month, the Mongolian National Action Plan 2024-28 had no mention of the construction of this pipeline, which stoked concerns about the project stalling.

The Outcomes

During his visit, President Putin highlighted the significant progress in Russia-Mongolia relations, noting a 21% increase in bilateral trade during the first seven months of 2024. Russia's increasing interest in pivoting eastward since the 2010s has made Mongolia a crucial partner, strategically positioned between Russia and China. Dependence on these two countries for exports has reinforced its importance. Both nations reaffirmed their commitment to advancing the Mongolia-Russia-China Economic Corridor programme, a key component of China's Belt and Road Initiative. They also expressed mutual interest in collaborating under Russia's Greater Eurasia partnership and Mongolia's Steppe Route.

Several key agreements were signed during the visit, including an intergovernmental agreement on the reconstruction of the TPP-3 thermal power plant in Mongolia's capital Bator, agreements on petroleum product supplies and aviation fuel, and a memorandum of understanding focused on the conservation of Lake Baikal and the Selenga River.

Power of Siberia 2

Moscow was working on developing new pipeline routes towards the East to reduce its dependence on European markets. This initiative is evident in the plans for the Yakutia-Khabarovsk-Vladivostok pipeline, which was rebranded as the Power of Siberia in 2012. Managed by Gazprom, Russia's major gas company, the Power of Siberia pipeline is designed to transport natural gas from the Kovykta and Chayanda fields in Yakutia, Russia, to Heihe in China. From there, the gas will continue through the Heihe-Shanghai pipeline, operated by the China National Petroleum Corporation. The agreement also involves a second Power of Siberia pipeline.

During Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev's 2019 visit to Mongolia, the launch of the Power of Siberia 2 pipeline, previously known as the Altai pipeline, was announced. A memorandum of understanding between Mongolia and Gazprom was signed to assess the pipeline's feasibility. By the summer of 2020, Gazprom began the design and surveying for Power of Siberia 2 (POS-2).

In January 2022, the feasibility study was completed, and the initial pipeline route, including an entry point into Mongolia, was revealed. Mongolian regional authorities were tasked with overseeing the construction work. In July 2022, Mongolian Prime Minister L Oyun-Erdene projected that the construction of the Soyuz Vostok pipeline could start in 2024. Despite Mongolia's enthusiasm, the pipeline's exclusion from the national action plan has raised concerns in Russia.

Initially, Power of Siberia 2 did not include provisions for supplying to Mongolian domestic consumers, but during the visit, President Putin expressed openness to providing natural gas to Mongolia and supporting the country's gasification efforts. At the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok in the same week, Igor Kobzev, the governor of Irkutsk, stated that the project was undergoing an environmental assessment. Putin's visit to Mongolia and the agreements signed dispel the narrative of the POS-2 pipeline stalling. However, with no conclusive agreement between Russia and China on modalities such as gas pricing, sharing of construction costs and other issues, the construction of the pipeline could be delayed.

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Win-Win

Putin's visit to Mongolia is a win-win for Moscow and Ulan Bator. For Moscow, the shrinking of markets due to sanctions imposed on Russia has led to a new market emerging in Mongolia. For Mongolia, Russian investments and increasing cooperation between the two nations create a more competitive market in Mongolia and reduce its dependence on Chinese exports.

he Belt and Road initiative has been crucial for Mongolia as it aims to boost connectivity, bringing Ulan Bator out of relative isolation. This increasing interaction between China and Mongolia has increased fears of a total Chinese monopoly in Mongolia; thus, the Russian outreach is welcome. Putin's visit to Mongolia possibly dispelled the narratives of the power of the Siberia-2 pipeline being de-railed and set grounds for enhanced Russia-Mongolia cooperation.

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Letters to the Editor

Anti-people

It is deplorable that the Congress government in Telangana had gone astray from its pro-people ideology and is strangely emulating the BJP's bulldozer/demolition culture and terrorising the people in the State. The High Court's admonition of the Revanth government over HYDRAA demolitions is an eye-opener to the arrogant State government. At least from now, the government must act in accordance with the law and compensate the families who suffered huge losses in demolitions in the capital city.

PH HEMA SAGAR,
Secunderabad

Strong message

The Supreme Court's strong message — "Keep gods out of politics" to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is a big slap on his face. The message to the AP CM also applies to the PM and others holding constitutional positions. The real devotees and the people of AP must be appreciated for understanding the reality that Tirupati laddu is being used for politics with a rejected ghee report.

N NAGARAJAN, Secunderabad

An irony

What an irony it is. The case initiated by the DMK against Minister Senthil Balaji while he was in the AIADMK camp has been set off now by voicing in favour of him and celebrating his release on bail. This is politics. Law took the backseat and politics eyes only on power and is never decided on moral grounds. It's unfortunate that in our system there is no permanent foe or friend. The law is helpless by knowing well there are loopholes in it by which all are becoming clean and innocent at the end of the day.

AP THIRUVADI,
Chennai

NEET

The demand to stop NEET is unfair. If a transparent exam like NEET is stopped, medical education will again become a game of money. This demand is being raised by the class which has been involved in buying medical seats through corrupt means. Neet has stopped corruption by providing equal opportunities to students. The exam has brought transparency to education.

SANDEEP KUMAR,
Madhupur (Jharkhand)

Task ahead

Tamil Nadu will go to the polls in 2026. Today, the State has earned a good ranking on the planning and development index thanks to the leadership of MK Stalin, the Chief Minister. The Tatas plan to go for a project in TN which would manufacture cars of the future, besides providing many jobs. Stalin has done well to upgrade his son Udhayanidhi and make him the Deputy Chief Minister with additional portfolios of Development and Planning besides Youth Affairs and Sports. The opposition will call this a dynastic raj in a democracy — the DMK has been one such where power has been transferred from father to son. One expects Udhayanidhi to fulfil his father's wish to promote and expand the party's fortunes. Udhayanidhi, a strong supporter of Periyar and his grandfather, will have to fight the battles concerning the issue of Sanatan Dharma in the courts. The re-arranged Cabinet must work in unison to further promote the best economy, social harmony and a cleaner political system. The DMK must remain united under the present dispensation. Any bickering will be suicidal.

PARTHASARATHY SEN,
New Delhi

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India in the hotspot

■ BBC

Iconic tramcars set to ride into Kolkata sunset

Last week, authorities in the Indian city of Kolkata announced plans to eliminate trams entirely, retaining only a small heritage loop. In response, a group of activists is fighting to ensure that trams remain a vital mode of transport rather than mere nostalgic joyrides.

■ Dhaka Tribune

Is there a thaw in India's ties with BNP?

There has long been a perception that the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has a strained relationship with India. Some BNP leaders even called for movements to boycott Indian products at various times. However, this strain seems to have eased significantly now.

■ The Straits Times

Water damage at Taj Mahal sparks concerns

There are two kinds of people, former US president Bill Clinton is said to have once remarked: Those who have seen the Taj Mahal and love it, and those who have not seen the iconic monument and yet love it. Such is the charm of the 17th-century white marble mausoleum in Agra.

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India calls for restraint amid tensions in W Asia

Advices Indians to avoid all non-essential travel to Iran

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NEW DELHI

India on Wednesday called for "restraint by all concerned" while reiterating that it remains "deeply concerned" at the escalation of security situation in West Asia. "We are deeply concerned at the escalation of security situation in West Asia and reiterate our call for restraint by all concerned and protection of civilians," read a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Wednesday, following Iran's attack on Israel on Tuesday night.

The statement, however, did not mention name of any country but expressed concern at the escalating situation across the Middle East. "It is important that the conflict doesn't take a wider regional dimension and we urge that all issues be addressed through dialogue and diplomacy," it added.

Last week, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar had held discussions with the Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghch on the current geopolitical scenario in the region during the BRICS meeting held on the sidelines of the UNGA in New York.

Earlier in the day, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) issued a travel advisory for Indian citizens, advising them to avoid all non-essential travel to Iran due to the current crisis. "We are closely monitoring the recent escalation in the security situation in the region," the MEA travel advisory said adding that "Indian nationals are advised to avoid all non-essential travel to Iran".

MEA also urged Indians residing in Iran to remain vigilant and stay in contact with Indian Embassy in Tehran

The MEA also urged Indians currently residing in Iran to remain vigilant and stay in contact with the Indian Embassy in Tehran. The travel advisory was issued after Iran fired a barrage of around 200 missiles at Israel on Tuesday night.

Tehran, meanwhile, said that it had targetted the "military and security establishments" in Israel during the attacks on Tuesday night. "This action was in defence of the interests and citizens of Iran. Let Netanyahu know that Iran is not a belligerent, but it stands firmly against any threat. This is only a corner of our power. Do not enter into a conflict with Iran," warned Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian after the missile attack. With Israel also vowing to retaliate, situation is expected to turn extremely tense in the region.

India, US to strengthen ties

WASHINGTON: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met his US counterpart Antony Blinken here and held discussions covering deepening bilateral cooperation, the situation in West Asia, recent developments in the Indian sub-continent, the Indo-Pacific and Ukraine. Jaishankar met Blinken on Tuesday at the Foggy Bottom headquarters of the US State Department.

"Delighted to hold talks with @SecBlinken today in Washington DC. We followed up on the Delaware bilateral and Quad meetings. Our discussions also covered deepening bilateral cooperation, situation in West Asia, recent developments in the Indian subcontinent, the Indo-Pacific and Ukraine," Jaishankar said in a post on X.The Minister was referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent bilateral meeting with US President Joe Biden.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, in Washington DC. — Photo: PTI

The US President hosted Modi at his Delaware residence for a bilateral meeting on September 21. They were later joined by leaders from Australia and Japan for the Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware. PTI

Doval meets French Foreign Minister

PARIS: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval on Wednesday met with French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot here and shared perspectives on the wars in Europe and West Asia. "NSA Ajit Doval concluded his visit with a meeting with French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot @jnbarrot. Shared perspectives on the wars in Europe and the Middle East," Indian Embassy in France said in a post on X.

Doval last month visited Russia, where he met President Vladimir Putin on the margins of a conclave of national security advisors of the BRICS nations in St Petersburg. His visit to Russia came two-and-a-half weeks after Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid a high-profile trip to Ukraine.

On tensions in West Asia, India has called for restraint by all sides and said the conflict must not take a wider regional dimension. On Tuesday, Doval called on French President Emmanuel Macron, who stressed the value of India-France efforts to advance peace and address global challenges and appreciated Prime Minister Modi's initiatives. PTI

Maoists adopt new attack strategies

NEW DELHI

Diwali crackers and incense sticks are the new improvised tools used by Maoists to attack security forces' camps in remote areas in various Left wing extremism-affected regions of the country, according to official sources.

This unique modus operandi of using incense sticks to burst crackers and "divert attention" of the camp troops to launch a swift rocket and gun fire attack was prominently noticed around the Pusuguppa camp of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Kothagudem district of Telangana on September 25, the sources said. A senior officer undertaking anti-Naxal operations said, on that day around 6.30 pm as darkness started descending, the troops at the camp along the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border were alerted with sounds of blasts and subsequent emanating smoke just about 200 m from boundary of their base.

As the CRPF personnel took positions thinking it to be an attack by Naxals in the thickly forested area, soon the air was filled by staccato of gunfire and blasts by improvised rockets or barrel grenade launchers (BGLs) from the hiding Maoist groups, the officer said.

The troops undertook retaliatory fire using their INSAS and AK series assault rifles even as a few bombs and grenades were launched. The sounds and firing continued for about 45 minutes after which it was ascertained by the troops that the Naxals retreated. PTI

Gold remarks row: CPI-M backs Vijayan

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Amid the ongoing controversy over Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's purported remarks on the "entry of gold and hawala money" into the State's Malappuram district in an interview, his claims of being misquoted, and the role of a PR agency, his CPI-M swung to his defence.

Leading from front was the State Tourism Minister and the Chief Minister's son-in-law PA Mohammed Riyas, who said this is nothing new for a Communist leader like Vijayan who has always been "a target of the media". "Vijayan is being mercilessly attacked by the media just because he is the head of the Left movement and this is nothing new to him or the party. A politician like Vijayan doesn't need any PR. Whatever the media tries to play it up, we will be giving replies and none can cow down him or Left," he said.

It was on Sept 30 that the interview with Vijayan done in New Delhi appeared in the national daily and what landed Vijayan in trouble was his purported mention that 150 kg of gold and hawala money worth Rs 123 crore were seized by the police in last five years from Malappuram district. "This money is entering Kerala through anti-national activities," the Chief Minister reportedly said. IANS

In Brief

IMPHAL

Militant shot dead

Unidentified men shot dead a self-styled town commander of a proscribed militant outfit near Leishang village in Manipur's Churachandpur district, police said on Wednesday. The deceased, a member of the United Kuki National Army, was identified as Seikhohao Haokip, a resident of Kaprang village in the southern district of the State. Police said the incident occurred around 1.5 km from Torbung Bungalow in Churachandpur at 12:15 am on Tuesday.

VIJAYAWADA

AP scraps garbage tax

AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu announced the scrapping of garbage collection charges in the State. He made an announcement at 'Swacchata Hi Seva' programme organised on Gandhi Jayanti. He said the previous YSRC government had imposed 'garbage tax' on people. Charges were being levied for garbage collection from households and heaps of garbage were left uncleared in front of those houses who were not paying it.

Honouring The Departed

Devotees perform 'tarpan' for their ancestors at the bank of Ganga on last day of Pitru Paksha, in Kolkata, on Wednesday. — Photo: PTI

Prashant Kishor launches party with 'humanity first' ideology

NEW DELHI

Political strategist Prashant Kishor launched his new political party, Jan Suraaj party, on Wednesday with 'humanity' as the 'main ideology' and quality education as the 'supreme goal'. Addressing a large gathering, he noted that people had been curious about when his 'Jan Suraaj' campaign would officially form a political party. With the Election Commission's recognition of Jan Suraaj as an official party, he took the opportunity to present his vision for Bihar's future.

Prashant Kishor said, "This party is a collective movement, representing all communities - Dalits, backward classes, Hindus, and Muslims." He claimed that the gathering signifies the commitment of people from every background to develop a state that had been neglected by traditional political forces. "People gathered here are focused on restoring the historic pride of Bihar," he added.

Prashant Kishor with supporters during the launch of his new party as Jan Suraaj Party in Patna, on Wednesday. — Photo: PTI

He addressed a key question on the party's ideology, stating that "humanity" will be the core principle, drawing inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, and BR Ambedkar. 'Humanity First' is Jan Suraaj's guiding philosophy," he said.

Prashant Kishor also emphasised that the goal is to see Bihar so developed that people from States like Haryana and Gujarat come to Bihar seeking employment.

He also questioned the current State of Bihar's leadership, saying, "What is the way forward? Leaders come here and demean each other without any blueprint for Bihar's development." IANS

26 iPhone 16 Pro Max seized from woman at Delhi airport

NEW DELHI

As many as 26 newly-launched iPhone 16 Pro Max devices concealed inside a vanity bag of a woman passenger have been seized by Customs authorities at the international airport here.

The passenger, in late thirties, was intercepted after her arrival from Hong Kong on Tuesday, according to a statement issued by the Customs department on Wednesday.

While the woman has not been arrested, an investigation is underway to determine whether this incident is isolated or part of a larger smuggling syndicate dealing in high-end electronic goods.

The Customs department pegged the total tariff value of the seized iPhones at approximately Rs 30,66,328. PTI

Pawan renounces 11-day penance

Daughter Palina Konidela gives declaration at Tirumala

TIRUPATI

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Wednesday visited the Tirumala temple here and renounced his 11-day penance (Prayaschitta Deekhsa), which he undertook to atone for the alleged sins of the previous YSRCP government at hill shrine.

The Deputy Chief Minister was accompanied by his daughters Aadhya Konidela and Palina Anjani Konidela. "Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan who undertook an 11-day penance for the protection of Sanatana Dharma (Hinduism) visited Sri Venkateswara Swamy on Wednesday and renounced his penance," said an official press release.

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan with daughters Aadhya Konidela and Palina Anjani Konidela as she signs a declaration at Tirumala temple, on Wednesday.

During his visit, the Deputy Chief Minister carried 'Varahi Declaration' book with him to the deity, the contents of which he will reveal in a meeting in Tirupati on Thursday. "Deputy Chief Minister and Janasena president Pawan Kalyan had Tirumala Srivari (deity) darshanam (visit) today. Pawan Kalyan took Varahi Declaration book along with him," said a Janasena press release.

Currently, Kalyan is on a three-day visit to the temple. Before visiting the temple, Kalyan's youngest daughter, Palina Anjani Konidela, gave a declaration at Tirumala temple that she has faith in Lord Venkateswara. Palina Anjani Konidela is reportedly a non-Hindu and TTD - the official custodian of Sri Venkateswara temple in Tirupati - rules mandate that non-Hindus have to declare their faith in the deity before making a visit to the temple. The declaration assumes significance as BJP leaders and several Hindu outfits had demanded that YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, a Christian, has to issue a similar declaration before his recent cancelled visit to the temple. PTI

'Love Jihad' major threat to nation: UP court

BAREILLY

The objective of "love jihad" is to establish dominance by certain anti-social elements of a particular religion against India through demographic warfare and international conspiracy, a local court here has observed.

Additional District Judge (Fast Track Court) Ravi Kumar Diwakar said Hindu girls are being lured into "love" for the sake of illegal conversions and create conditions similar to those in Pakistan and Bangladesh in India.

Diwakar said that illegal conversions pose a significant threat to the country's unity, integrity, and sovereignty as he heard a case involving marriage under false identities, relationships, and abortion on Monday.

The judge made the remarks while sentencing 25-year-old Mohammad Alim to life imprisonment, convicting him for raping and threatening a student after falsifying his identity. His 65-year-old father too was sentenced to a two-year jail term for aiding the man in the crimes. The complainant in the matter was a 20-year-old woman who was pursuing a computer course in the city. There is "a conspiracy to create conditions similar to those in Pakistan and Bangladesh," Judge Diwakar warned. Alim, a native of Jadaunpur village of the Devarnia area, had deceived the woman by posing as 'Anand'.

The court also ordered that copies of the ruling be sent to the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police. The court said that conversions are being conducted through psychological pressure and inducements such as marriage and jobs, and also expressed concerns about potential foreign funding. If the issue is not addressed in time, it could lead to severe consequences, it observed.

The court pointed out that the Uttar Pradesh government enacted the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Religious Conversion Act, 2021, specifically to combat illegal conversions through "Love Jihad." "The Constitution grants every individual the fundamental right to practice and propagate their religion, and this personal freedom cannot be compromised through illegal conversions facilitated by 'Love Jihad'," it noted. PTI

West Asia war may push logistics costs

GTRI states that the conflict is already hurting India's trade with countries like Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon

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NEW DELHI

The escalation of conflict in the West Asian region is expected to push already high logistics costs besides hurting trade in sectors such as oil, electronics and agriculture, according to exporters. They said insurance costs for exports to the countries directly involved in the war could also go up, which would impact Indian exporters' working capital.

Think tank Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) stated that the conflict is already hurting India's trade with countries like Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon. The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) said the Iran-Israel conflict has the potential to significantly impact world trade and the global economy in several ways. "Iran is a key player in the oil market. Any escalation in conflict could disrupt oil supplies, leading to higher prices, which would impact global economies, especially those reliant on oil imports. Oil prices have already moved up by $4 per barrel," FIEO DG Ajay Sahai said. Expressing concerns, he said increased tensions could destabilise the Middle East, affecting trade routes such as the Strait of Hormuz, through which a significant portion of the world's oil passes.

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"Disruptions could lead to higher shipping costs and delays. Many global supply chains depend on the stability of the Middle East. Conflict could disrupt transportation and logistics, affecting industries ranging from electronics to agriculture," Sahai said. Further, if the Western world would put sanctions or trade restrictions, it would complicate the global trade dynamics, he said adding "Overall, the conflict could lead to increased volatility in global markets".

Hand Tool Association chairman SC Ralhan said orders to these countries will be on hold and gradually it will be "very risky and difficult" to do trade in this region. "Insurance costs will go up or even we may not get any insurance cover in that region," Ralhan said. During January-July 2024, India's trade with countries directly impacted by the conflict has faced significant challenges.

"Exports to Israel dropped sharply by 63.5 per cent, Jordan saw a 38.5 per cent decline due to spillover effects, and Lebanon experienced a 6.8 per cent decrease," GTRI Founder aid. The Israel-Hamas war, has now extended to Lebanon, and Syria, and is indirectly impacting Jordan and Iran. Key regional players like Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, and Qatar have far remained uninvolved in the conflict. India's exports to Israel stood at $639 million during April-July this fiscal. It was $4.52 billion in 2023-24. Imports from Israel were $469.44 million during the first four months of this fiscal. It was $2 billion in 2023-24. India's exports to Iran stood at $538.57 million during April-July this fiscal. It was $1.22 billion in 2023-24. Imports from Iran were $140.69 million during the first four months of the fiscal year.

Similarly, the country's exports to Jordan stood at $228.56 million during April-July this fiscal. It was $ 1.46 billion in 2023-24. Imports from Jordan were $699.28 million during the first four months of this fiscal. It was $ 1.4 billion in 2023-24. India's exports to Lebanon stood at $ 116.86 million during April-July this fiscal. It was $344.91 million in 2023-24.

Imports from that country were $ 39 million during the first four months of this fiscal. It was $ 113 million in 2023-24. India's major items of exports to West Asian countries include basmati rice, man-made yarn, fabrics, gems and jewellery, cotton yarn, and fabrics.

India celebrates 10 years of Swachh Bharat mission

Modi says the campaign has laid new path to prosperity

Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking part in a cleanliness drive at a school in New Delhi on Wednesday. — Photo: PTI

NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hailed the Swachh Bharat Mission as the largest and most successful people's movement of the 21st century, emphasising its impact on public health and wellbeing. Addressing an event to mark 10 years of the mission, Modi said that mass participation has transformed the campaign into a new path to prosperity for India.

"You all made the Swachh Bharat Mission a success," the Prime Minister said while noting that over 28 crore people participated in more than 27 lakh events organised in just 15 days during the 'Sewa Pakhwada'. He said Chief Ministers, Ministers, and other representatives played key roles in this national effort and underlined that "continuous efforts can only lead to a clean India." During the event, the Prime Minister inaugurated projects worth around Rs 10,000 crore under the Swachh Bharat and AMRUT 2.0 missions which include water and sewage treatment plants across several States. "When people talk about 21st-century India even after 1,000 years, they will definitely remember the Swachh Bharat Mission," Modi said, emphasising the lasting legacy of the cleanliness campaign. The Prime Minister also criticised previous governments for neglecting basic sanitation. "They never considered dirt and lack of toilets as national issues. It was like they made dirt a part of their lives," he said.

He said those who used Mahatma Gandhi for their political benefits and vote bank have now forgotten his subject of interest. He said that filth and lack of toilets were never considered as a national issue. As a result, the PM said, there were no discussions about it in society and lack of cleanliness became a part of life. He also recalled facing criticism after raising this issue from the ramparts of the Red Fort. "The first job of a PM is to make the lives of the common man easy. I talked about toilets and sanitary pads, and today, we see the results," he said. The Prime Minister highlighted that more than 60 per cent of the population was forced to defecate in the open a decade ago, which he called as an insult to Dalits, backward classes and tribal communities, and a major source of inconvenience for women.

Modi noted the "sufferings of mothers, sisters and daughters due to the lack of toilets" and also pointed out the threats to their health and safety. He said that the filth caused by open defecation had endangered the lives of children and was a major cause of child mortality. He also cited studies and reports that underline the positive outcomes of the mission. PTI

In Brief

CHANDIGARH

Dera chief on 20-day parole

Dera Sacha Sauda chief and rape convict Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh on Wednesday walked out of the Sunaria jail in Haryana's Rohtak after he was granted a 20-day parole. During his temporary release period, Singh will stay at the Dera ashram in Barnawa in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat. He got out of jail under tight security. PTI

PENH

Job scam: 67 rescued

The Indian Embassy in Phnom Penh said it has rescued 67 Indian nationals from Cambodia's Poipet, who had been lured into fraudulent job offers by fake agents involved in cybercrime. "The Embassy of India, Phnom Penh, has been actively engaged in the rescue and repatriation of Indian nationals trapped by fraudulent job offers," it said. IANS

India's EV sales surge

NEW DELHI: In a boost for the EV adoption in the country, the total EV registrations reached 1.59 lakh units in September up from 1.29 lakh units. According to the government's VAHAN data, EV registrations saw a significant 23 per cent increase. In the first half of this fiscal, EV volumes increased 20 per cent compared with the same period last year. Electric two-wheeler sales were 0.90 lakh units, a rise from 0.64 lakh units. IANS

Centre mulls 'made in India' label

NEW DELHI

The Centre is discussing a proposal to formulate a scheme for the 'made in India' label with a view to promoting the brand India in the global markets, an official said. The official said that a high-level committee is examining the details of the scheme.

The objective is to create a strong brand identity for India, similar to how 'made in Japan' or 'made in Switzerland' evokes specific images and qualities. "That we want for India also," the official said, adding for instance, "When we think of Switzerland, we often think of their watches, chocolates, and banking systems. We are having discussions on how we can do that. Do we make this scheme for specific sectors like textiles, where we have strength in that? So we are looking into such things," the official added. According to experts, quality consciousness is key to promoting Brand India. The government at present has the India Brand Equity Foundation to promote and create awareness about the 'made in India' label in overseas markets and to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge of Indian products.

Think tank Global Trade Research Initiative suggested India's branding strategy should focus on three pillars — brand high-quality products; improve product quality for less than best products, do not focus on branding; and actions to improve product quality.

"India can take several actions to naturally improve its branding. Consistent product quality and reliability should be a priority. For instance, the Indian pharmaceutical industry has gained global trust through its production of high-quality drugs," the GTRI founder said. PTI

Reliance to build 1,270 MW projects in Bhutan

NEW DELHI

Anil Ambani-led Reliance Group announced its foray into Bhutan and said it will set up 1,270-MW solar and hydroelectric projects in the Himalayan Kingdom. It "entered into a strategic partnership with Druk Holding and Investments Ltd to undertake initiatives aimed at bolstering investment in renewable and green energy landscape," it said. PTI

2 Navy women set on world sail

NEW DELHI

Indian Navy women officers Lt Cdr Roopa A and Lt Cdr Dilna K embarked from Goa to circumnavigate the globe.

Two women officers of the Indian Navy — Lt. Cdr Roopa A. and Lt. Cdr Dilna K. — on Wednesday embarked from Goa on a challenging mission to circumnavigate the globe in over eight months.

The 'Navika Sagar Parikrama' expedition was flagged off from the Naval Ocean Sailing Node, INS Mandovi near Panaji, as both the officers sailed on the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) 'Tarini'. Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi said, "At a time when our nation is once again taking to the seas on its transformational journey to be 'Viksit Bharat', this edition of Navika Sagar Parikrama embodies the indomitable spirit of a 'Sashakt' and 'Saksham' India."

The women officers are on the Navy's Tarini boat for the Sagar Parikrama mission. It will take eight months to complete the journey and they will return by May 2025. They will cover around 40,000 km during this journey. Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi complimented the C-in-C South for selecting such an apt date, October 2, which is Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary.

"And, this challenging endeavour is a fitting tribute to the Father of our Nation, whose life exemplified resilience, perseverance and unwavering commitment built on self-belief and self-sufficiency, he said. The CNS said, "As the daring duo of Roopa and Dilna embark on this formidable journey, I am sure they will embody these very qualities that Gandhiji represented, and return triumphant from their Parikrama across the seas." The Naval Chief said, "Parikrama or circumambulation, in Indian tradition reflects the symbolic expression of devotion or reverence. Indian Navy's Sagar Parikrama circumnavigation voyages are a timeless tribute to Lord Varuna and the seas we sail and operate on!" he added. IANS

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, S. SREENIVASA MOORTHY alias S. SRINIVASA MURTHY S/o. S Singotham, R/o H no: 9-110/113/1/18/1, Gayatrinagar, Boduppal, Medipally-Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana. Have changed my name as **SONNATHI SRINIVASA MURTHY** for all purposes. [TT-11481]

It is for general information that I, **MOODA GOURINATHAM** S/o Mooda Ramulu R/o Q.No: 3142, Type-3, ODF Estate, Yeddumailaram, Telangana-502205, declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Muda Gourinatham and Muda Ramuloo in my 10th class Certificate. The actual name of mine and my father is **MOODA GOURINATHAM and MOODA RAMULU** respectively. [TT-25916]

It is for general information that I, **AKURATI RAMESH** S/o Akurati Seshaiah R/o Qtr. No: 4278, Type-4, ODF Estate, Yeddumailaram, Telangana-502205, declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Akurathi Ramesh and Seshaiah in my 10th class Certificate. The actual name of mine and my father is **AKURATI RAMESH and AKURATI SESHAIAH** respectively. [TT-25870]

I, BILQUS BANU W/o Mohammed Taher R/o. 19-4-27/8/3, B Blok 105, Memon Colony,Tadban Bahadurpura, Hyderabad Pin Code-500064 Telangana Has Changed My Name is **BILQIS BANU.** [TT-8395]

I, RAVI PANDIT S/O : Pandit Vithal Sanjeev R/O : Flat No 305, Krian, Towers, Brindavan Gardens, Kishan Guda Shamshabad PO, Cyberabad-Rangareddy, 501218, Have Changed My Name **RAVI VITHAL PANDIT.** [TT-8395]

I, MOHAMMED ASIF R/o.HNo.18-1- 410/35 Phool Bagh Chandrayangutta Bandlaguda Hyd- 500005 TS Changed My Spouse name FATIMA Changed to **SARA FATIMA.** [TT-8394]

I, PARVEEN W/o. ABDUL AIJAZ R/o.HNo. 7-2-135, Ashok Colony , Sanath Nagar Hyderabad - -500018 T.S. Changed My Name to **PARVEEN BEGUM.** [TT-8394]

I, UPENDER PALLERLA R/o. 3-6-319, FNo. 903, Namitha Everest Apts SBH Colony LB Nagar R.R.Dist 500074 TS. Changed My Name As **UPENDER KUMAR PALLERLA** S/o SATHYANARAYANA PALLERLA. [TT-8394]

I, SWAPNA UPPALA R/o.HNo. 3-6-319, FNo.903, Namitha Everest Apts SBH Colony L. B Nagar R.R.Dist 500074 TS. Changed My Name As **SWAPNA PALLERLA** W/o. UPENDER KUMAR PALLERLA. [TT-8394]

I, RAMESHWAR LAL BHATI BHATI R/o.H.No.2-3-380, Nallagutta, Sec'bad Hyd -500003, TS. Have Changed My Name as **RAMESHWAR BHATI** S/o. GANESH BHATI. [TT-8394]

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHIMA MAHENDRA SINGH, R/o. Flat No.2 C-062, Ridgewood Estate, DLF, Phase-4, DLF Galleria, Gurgaon- 122009, Changed My Name as **MAHIMA DAS** W/o. Saurav Das. [TT-8394]

I, BHOOMIKA HONAWAD R/o. H-905, Honer Vivantis, Tellapur Road, Gopanpally, Nallagandla, Serilingampally (M), K.V. Rangareddy (D), T.G 19, I have changed my name as **BHOOMIKA LINGARAJ HONAWAD.** [TT-8269]

I, IMTIYAZ BEGUM W/o Mohd Ghiasuddin R/o:20-5-361/4 & 401,Near Salman Gym, Alkaf Tower, Qazipura, Hyderabad.Has Changed My Name as **IMTIYAZ FATIMA.** [TT-8395]

LOST

I am BALYAM HARIRAM, S/O Balyam Srisailam, R/o DMR Suryodaya Apartments, Flat No. 403, CE Colony, Bagh Amberpet, Hyderabad - 13 I have lost my original SSC long memo (HT No: 0902101779) and Intermediate memo (HT No 1127223754) while shifting house. contact no 9550397650. [TT-11581]

I, SYEDA YASMEEN NIKHAT W/o. MOHAMMED MOIZUDDIN Aadhar No.3168 5364 2644 have lost my passport bearing No. P5272457 while shifting my home If any body found contact No. 6281781540. [TT-8395]

I, NIRMAL KUMAR S/o. Erenezar Sreenivasam, R/O. 7-1-58, Fno. No: 5b/107, Divya Shakti Apts, Ameerpet, Hyd -500016, TS, While Travelling From My Residency Divya Shakti Apts, Ameerpet To Aadhaar Head Office Swarna Jayanthi Complex, Maitrivanam, I have Lost My Passport NO. S038543, if anybody Found pls Contact - 9490166468. [TT-8395]

I, MIR SHAKEEL ALI S/o LATE MIR MASOOD ALI, , R/o H.No:19-2-27/A/23/E, Jahanuma Phool Bagh Charminar, Hyd,T.S.-53.lost my Original Passport no: V9672287,while I was renovating the house. If Anyone found please cont 9866851316. [TT-8395]

I, SARA SUMAIAH D/o MIR SHAKEEL ALI, R/o H.No: 19-3-301/114, Bibi Ka Chasma Jahanuma Charminar, Hyd,T.S.-53.lost my Original Passport No U9806232 while I,was renovating the house . If anyone found Pls Call:9866851316. [TT-8395]

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I, IBRAHIM ABDUL KHALIQ S/o Mirza Waseem Ahmed R/o.Plot no-38/P, Upperpally,Attapur, R.R Dist.,-48.Have lost My Title Deed Documents No: 701/2011, 1701/2008 while Travelling From Attapur to Golconda on 25/9/24. If Anyone Found Cont: 9000236882. [TT-8395]

I, SRUTHI MATTA, D/o. MATTA SIVARAM PRASAD, R/o. 3-11-400/P-12, Rd No.01, Shiva Ganga Cly, L.B.Nagar, Hyd- 500074, I have Lost My Indian Passport No. T6141999, with Date of Issue: 06-08-2019 At HYD, While Shifting valuable items during my Wedding at L.B.Nagar, Hyd. If anyone happens to find it with enclosed in a pink passport cover or without, kindly please Contact - 9770449849. [TT-8394]

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JALDA SHIVA SWAMY** S/o **JALDA MANIKYAM** R/o H.No:7-55, Patel road, Shadnagar, Farooqnagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy Dist T.G., hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JALDA SHIVA KUMAR** (old name) to **JALDA SHIVA SWAMY** S/o **JALDA MANIKYAM** (new name).

DOCUMENT LOST

I, MOHAMMED ABDUL SUBHAN, S/o. Fazie Rasool Qureshi, R/o. H.No. 13-6-436/5/C/12, Rock Hills Colony, Khadar Bagh, Golconda, Hyderabad, T.S-500 008. Follows: I, have Lost My Sale Deed *Document No. *1724/1983* at Sub-Registrar R.O. Hyderabad, while travelling Himayath Sagar to N.I.R.D. Road, Rajendranagar. If anyone found, Contact No: **9246524418**

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The general public is hereby informed that my client **Sri Kallem Sudhakar Reddy,** S/o. K.Venkat Reddy is the absolute owner of open land bearing Plot No. 146, admeasuring 236 Sq. Yards or its equivalent to 197 Sq. Meters forming part of the approved layout and named as "SAI SARVESWARANANDA COLONY-PHASE-II" in Survey No. 28 situated at KOHEDA Village, Abdullapurmet Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District having purchased under the Registered Sale Deed document No. 3002/2024, dated 25-04-2024 registered at the office of the Sub Registrar, Pedda Amberpet.

My client has lost his link documents i.e., Sale Deed No. 15157/1989, dated: 10-11-1989 pertaining to the said plot having purchased from Kandukuri Siva Reddy and Others Rep. by their GPA Holder G.Nagamani Babu while moving on his bike carrying the documents from Koheda to Vanasthalipuram. In this connection, I request the general public that, in case if anyone finds the above said original document, kindly return the same to my client either at its address mentioned above or at my office.

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Cell: 9177685689.
Dated: 01-10-2024, Place: Hyderabad.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public in general are hereby notified that my clients have agreed to purchase of NON AGRICULTURE Lands lying and forming part of Sy. No.744లూ/అ/2 Ac 0001 Gts., Sy. No.744/ఐ/2 - Ac 00 04 Gts., Sy. No.744లూ/అ/1/2-Ac 00-05 Gts., Sy. No.744లూ/అ/1/1/2 - Ac 00 - 10 Gts., Sy. No.744లూ/అ/1/1/1/2 Ac 0002 Gts., Sy. No.744ఎ/2 - Ac 00-06 Gts., Sy. No.744ఎ/1/2 - Ac 00-08 Gts., & Sy. No.744ఎ/1/1/2 - Ac 00-04 Gts., totally admeasuring Ac 01 00 Gts., situated at KOHEDA Village, ABDULLAPURMET Mandal, RANGA REDDY District, T.G., and bounded by NORTH: 30' Wide Road, SOUTH: Land in Sy. No.744 Part belongs to Mahipal Reddy & others, EAST: Land in Sy. No.744 Part belongs to M. Narsimha Goud & others, & WEST: Open land of Sri Latha, from B. Sridhar Reddy S/o Late B. Ram Reddy & 5 others, all R/o Hyderabad, T.G., and concluded the terms of sale.

If any person/s having any right, claim or objection in the SAID LANDS shall approach the undersigned with all original supporting documents WITHIN Five (5) DAYS, failing which the said transaction will be completed and no claim or objection of any kind thereafter will be entertained.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client **Mr. Budho Malik,** S/o. Mr. Shamshar Malik, R/o. 21-6-856, Mehndi Mahboob, Charminar, Hyderabad, Telangana-500002, has entered into agreement of sale for a property from its registered owner **Mohammed Yakub**, S/o. Late Mohammed Yousuf, R/o. 21-4-895, Gulab Singh Bowli, Petla Burj, Bahadurpura, Hyderabad, Telangana-500064.

That my client intends to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from the said owner, if anyone having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the said schedule property, then they may contact my office within seven (7) days from the date of this publication with documentary proof/evidence claiming for the same.

Post completion of the said seven (7) days, my client will proceed with the said transaction and later on no claims/objections will be entertained.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT property situated in the premises of 21-6-209, admeasuring 128 Sq. yards, equivalent to 83.61 Sq. meters, consisting of ground+2 floors, Babri Alawa, Ghansi Bazar, Hyderabad, Telangana.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client M/s. SIRI TECHNOCRAT'S, Represented by its Proprietor Mrs. Jaya Kommaraju has purchased Plot No. 56, at Sy. No. 342, Road No. 5, TGIIC-IALA-ALEAP Industrial Estate, Gajularamaram, Hyderabad, purchased from THE ASSOCIATION OF LADY ENTERPRENUERS OF ANDHRA PRADESH (ALEAP), Represented by its President Mrs. K. Ramadevi vide Registered Sale Deed Document No. 8108/2004, registered before SRO, Medchal on 20-05-2004.

My client has lost the Original Sale Deed Document No. 8108/2004, while my client travelling from TGIIC-IALA OFFICE, JEEDIMETLA to M/s. Siri Techonocrat's office at Plot No. 56 at Sy. No. 342, Road No. 5, TGIIC-IALA-ALEAP Industrial Estate, Gajularamaram, Hyderabad on 24-09-2024, which is in the limits of SRO, Quthbullapur and PS - Jeedimetla.

If anyone finds the Original Documents of the schedule property please contact us.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Plot No. 56, admeasuring to an extent of 812.59 Sq.Mts., or 972 Sq.Yds along with constructed RCC Building at Sy. No. 342, Road No. 5, TGIIC-IALA-ALEAP Industrial Estate, Gajularamaram, Hyderabad, and bounded by: EAST: Neighbor's Land, WEST:.Plot Nos. 54 & 55,NORTH:Plot No. 52,SOUTH:18 M Road No. 5.

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No entry for UN chief: Israel

Foreign Minister slams Guterres for failing to act against terror organisations amid raging Mideast conflict

IANS
TEL AVIV

Israel on Wednesday declared UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres persona non grata and banned him from entering the country for his failure to "unequivocally condemn" Iran's missile attack.

"I have declared UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres persona non grata in Israel and banned him from entering the country. Anyone who cannot unequivocally condemn Iran's heinous attack on Israel, as almost every country in the world has done, does not deserve to step foot on Israeli soil," announced Israeli Foreign Affairs Minister Israel Katz on Wednesday.

With the first anniversary of the 2023 Hamas attack on Israel just a few days away, Katz slammed the United Nations chief for failing to act against the terror organisations.

"This is a Secretary-General who has yet to denounce the massacre and sexual atrocities committed by Hamas murderers on October 7, nor has he led any efforts to declare them a terrorist organisation. A Secretary-General who gives backing to terrorists, rapists and murderers from Hamas, Hezbollah, Houthis, and now Iran — the mothership of global terror — will be remembered as a stain on the history of the UN," the Israeli Foreign Minister wrote on social media platform X. He added that Israel will continue to defend its citizens and "uphold its national dignity, with or without Antonio Guterres". The UN Secretary General had on Tuesday said he is "extremely concerned" with the escalation of the conflict in Lebanon and appealed for an immediate ceasefire. Guterres said that an all-out war must be avoided in Lebanon "at all costs", and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon must be respected.

He posted another message on X a few hours later when Iran attacked Israel with nearly 200 missiles on Tuesday night.

"I condemn the broadening of the Middle East conflict, with escalation after escalation. This must stop. We absolutely need a ceasefire," said Guterres.

A woman holds her cat in front of a destroyed building at the site of an Israeli airstrike in Dahiyeh, Beirut, Lebanon. — Photo: AP

Blasts near Israeli Embassy in Copenhagen

COPENHAGEN: Police in the Danish capital said two predawn explosions occurred on Wednesday in the vicinity of the Israeli Embassy in Copenhagen, prompting a nearby Jewish school to close for the day. Three men were arrested.

Police said no one was injured and they were investigating whether there was a link between the blasts, which happened around 3.20 am, and the Israeli diplomatic mission, which is near several other embassies. Three men were arrested in connection with the explosions, police said. Two of them were arrested on a train at Copenhagen's central station, while a third was arrested "elsewhere" in Copenhagen, police said. They were not identified.

The Ekstra Bladet newspaper ran photos of a man in a white hazmat suit being taken away by police on a train platform at the central station. Heavily armed officers, search dogs and forensic teams were inspecting the area, which had been cordoned off. AP

Turkish military kills 13 'terrorists' in Iraq, Syria

ANKARA: The Turkish military has "neutralised" 13 "terrorists" in operations in northern Iraq and northern Syria, the country's Defence Ministry has said.

The Ministry said 11 members of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) were killed in Turkey's Operation Claw-Lock in northern Iraq. In 2022, Turkey launched Operation Claw-Lock to target the PKK hideouts in northern Iraq's Metina, Zap, and Avasin-Basyan regions near the Turkish border, Xinhua news agency reported.

In a separate operation in north Syria, Turkish forces "neutralised" two members of the Syrian Kurdish People's Protection Units. The YPG members were detected in the Operation Peace Spring zone of the Turkish military, it said. IANS

In Brief

KABUL

Flash floods kill 13

At least 13 people have been killed and 16 others were injured due to a fresh round of heavy rains and flash floods across Afghanistan recently, an official from the country's national disaster authority said. Heavy rains triggered flash floods in the vicinities of Ghazni, Laghman, Nangarhar, Farah, Paktia, Badghis, Herat and Daykundi provinces over the past 10 days, Xinhua news agency reported. IANS

ISLAMABAD

26th polio case in Pak

Pakistan has reported 26 polio cases this year with two fresh cases of the crippling disease being detected in the Sindh province. The latest cases were confirmed in the Karachi East and Sujawal districts of the province, jolting the country's efforts to eradicate the poliovirus. Prime Minister's Focal Person for Polio Eradication Ayesha Raza Farooq termed the new cases as "heartbreaking". PTI

VLADIVOSTOK

Killer whale dead

A group of killer whales was stranded in an estuary in Russia's Far East territory of Kamchatka due to a low tide, resulting in the death of one whale, local authorities said. "The killer whales are trapped in the estuary near Ustyevo village, and according to video footage, one has died. The low tide is preventing us from getting closer," said Rusian Minister Sergei Lebedev. IANS

KAOHSIUNG

Typhoon nears Taiwan

An approaching typhoon bringing strong winds and torrential rainfall to Taiwan killed one person and injured dozens of others over the past few days and led to the evacuation of thousands from low-lying or mountainous areas. At least 70 people were injured and one death died due to weather conditions attributed to Typhoon Krathon, Taiwan's fire department said. AP

Walz, Vance slug it out on policy

V-P nominees JD Vance and Tim Walz during the debate hosted by CBS News in New York on Tuesday. — Photos: AP

NEW YORK

In a debate that evoked a calmer era in American politics, Tim Walz and JD Vance on Tuesday went after each other's running mates and sought to shore up their campaigns' vulnerabilities at a time of renewed fears of a regional war in the Middle East and sadness over devastation from Hurricane Helene.

Walz, the Democratic Governor of Minnesota, and Vance, a Republican Senator from Ohio, focused many of their criticisms on the top of the ticket, as is traditional for vice presidential debates. They each pointed to the crises of the day as reasons for voters to choose Vice President Kamala Harris or former President Donald Trump.

Despite the milder tone of the debate, there were still glimpses of the political fractures that threaten American democracy. Vance papered over the January 6 attack on the US Capitol and echoed Trump's election denial by refusing to acknowledge that President Joe Biden won the race in 2020.

But throughout much of the rest of the night, two Midwesterners struck a noticeably friendlier tone than the matchup between Trump and Harris — or, earlier this year, the showdown between Trump and Biden before he dropped out of the race following a disastrous performance.

In one raw moment when Walz said his teenage son had witnessed a shooting at a community centre, Vance expressed empathy. "I'm sorry about that. Christ have mercy," Vance said. "I appreciate that," Walz said.

In other parts of the debate, Vance tried to soften his image, ratcheting down his typically forceful and aggressive delivery and acknowledging that people watching might not agree with him or Trump. He discussed Trump's ideas with polish while avoiding being pinned down on the more controversial parts of the former President's record. His performance delighted the Trump campaign and many of its allies.

Walz depicted Trump as wrong on the issues and a chaotic leader. He occasionally stumbled over his words, even saying "I've become friends with school shooters" when he was talking about meeting with survivors.

He did deliver several points sure to please Democrats, including on abortion rights and democracy — even if he never used the word "weird," the branding he attached to Trump and Vance that brought him to national prominence.

The debate began with a discussion of the Middle East, where Israeli forces are fighting Hezbollah in Lebanon and Iran has fired missiles at Israel. In Gaza, Israeli forces continue to fight Hamas after the October 7 attack.

"What's fundamental here is that steady leadership is going to matter," said Walz. "And the world saw it on that debate stage a few weeks ago, a nearly 80-year-old Donald Trump talking about crowd sizes is not what we need in this moment."

Vance, in his reply, argued that Trump is an intimidating figure whose presence on the international stage is its own deterrent.

"Governor Walz can criticise Trump's tweets, but effective, smart diplomacy and peace through strength is how you bring stability back to a very broken world," he said. AP

School bus fire: Thai cops seek negligence charges

BANGKOK

Thai police on Wednesday said they were investigating whether the school bus fire that killed 23 young students and teachers in suburban Bangkok was caused by negligence after filing initial charges against the driver.

The fire on the bus carrying six teachers and 39 elementary and junior high school students on Tuesday spread so quickly many were unable to escape. The driver, Saman Chanput, was arrested hours later and charged with reckless driving causing deaths and injuries, failing to stop to help others and failing to report the accident, police said.

Authorities were investigating if the fire might be caused by negligence from both the driver and bus company, acting police chief Kitrat Phanphet said. While an initial probe suggested that the driver was not speeding, police found 11 natural gas canisters inside the bus that had a permit to install only six. AP

Ukraine town falls to Russia after 2 years

KYIV

Ukrainian forces are withdrawing from the frontline town of Vuhledar, perched atop a tactically significant hill in eastern Ukraine, after more than two years of grinding battle, military officials said on Wednesday.

Vuhledar, a town Ukrainian forces fought tooth and nail to keep, is the latest urban settlement to fall to the Russians as the war stretches deep into its third year and the Ukrainian army is gradually being pushed backward in the eastern Donetsk province.

Vuhledar, a town Ukrainian forces fought tooth and nail to keep, is the latest urban settlement to be captured by Russians as the war stretches deep into its third year

It follows a vicious summer campaign along the eastern front that saw Kyiv cede several thousand square kilometres of territory as the Russian army hacks its way westward, obliterating towns and villages with missiles, glide bombs, artillery and drones.

Ukraine's Khortytsia ground forces formation, which commands eastern regions including Donetsk, said in a statement posted on Telegram that it was withdrawing troops from Vuhledar to "protect military personnel and equipment." "In an attempt to take control of the city at any cost, (Russian) reserves were directed to carry out flanking attacks, which exhausted the defence of the units of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. As a result of the enemy's actions, there arose a threat of encircling the city," the statement said.

The tactical significance of the town, situated at the confluence of two major roads, is two-fold. Dominant heights and proximity to railway lines offer Moscow greater protection for their own logistics routes, and a better vantage point for attacks against Ukrainian forces and supply lines feeding the south. Its capture brings Moscow closer to Pokrovsk. AP

Myanmar deports 50k foreigners

YANGON

Myanmar has deported over 50,000 illegal foreigners from October 2023 to August 2024, the state-run media reported on Wednesday.

During this period, a total of 54,433 individuals from 28 countries and regions were expelled following established procedures, the report said.

During an event to mark the 60th anniversary of Myanmar Police Force Day on Tuesday, the Chairman of Myanmar's State Administration Council Min Aung Hlaing also said the establishment of a network of Border Liaison Offices with five neighbouring countries is intended to obtain information in advance and effectively combat cross-border crimes, Xinhua news agency reported, citing the state-run newspaper *Mirror*. He also urged the holding of BLOs' meetings to facilitate timely information sharing and exchange, the report added.

Meanwhile, Myanmar has kicked off a nationwide population and household census aimed at obtaining accurate and up-to-date population and socioeconomic statistics. IANS

WWII bomb explodes at Japanese airport

TOKYO

An unexploded US bomb from World War II that had been buried at a Japanese airport exploded on Wednesday, causing a huge crater in a taxiway and the cancellation of over 80 flights but no injuries, officials said.

Land and Transport Ministry officials said there were no aircraft nearby when the bomb exploded at Miyazaki Airport in southwestern Japan. Officials said a probe by the Self-Defence Forces and police confirmed that the explosion was caused by a 500-pound US bomb and there was no more danger.

They were determining what caused its sudden detonation.A video recorded by a nearby aviation school showed the blast spewing pieces of asphalt into the air like a fountain. Videos broadcast on Japanese television showed a crater in the taxiway reportedly about 7 m in diameter and 1-m-deep.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi said over 80 flights had been canceled at the airport, which hopes to resume operations on Thursday morning. Miyazaki Airport was built in 1943 as a former Imperial Japanese Navy flight training field from which some kamikaze pilots took off on suicide attack missions. AP

Mexico gets 1st woman Prez in 200 years

MEXICO CITY

Claudia Sheinbaum was sworn in on Tuesday as Mexico's first woman President, riding the enthusiasm over her predecessor's social programmes but also facing challenges that include stubbornly high levels of violence.

After a smiling Sheinbaum took the oath of office on the floor of Congress, legislators shouted "Presidenta! Presidenta!" using the feminine form of President in Spanish for the first time in over 200 years of Mexico's history as an independent country.

The 62-year-old scientist-turned-politician receives a country with a number of immediate problems, also including a sluggish economy, unfinished building programs, rising debt and the hurricane-battered resort city of Acapulco.

In her inauguration speech, Sheinbaum said she came to power accompanied by all of the women who have struggled in anonymity to make their way in Mexico, including "those who dreamed of the possibility that one day no matter if we were born as women or men we would achieve our dreams and desires without our sex determining our destiny." She made a long list of promises to limit prices for gasoline and food, expand cash handout programs for women and children, support business investment, housing and passenger rail construction. But any mention of the drug cartels that control much of the country was brief and near the end of the list.Sheinbaum offered little change from former President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's 'Hugs not Bullets' strategy of addressing root causes and not confronting the cartels, apart from pledging more intelligence work and investigation. "There will be no return to the irresponsible drug war," she said.

President Claudia Sheinbaum waves to supporters in Mexico City's main square on her inauguration day. — Photo: AP

Sheinbaum romped to victory in June with nearly 60% of the vote, propelled largely by the sustained popularity of her political mentor, López Obrador. She has pledged to continue all his policies, even those that strengthened the power of the military and weakened the country's checks and balances. After the inauguration, Sheinbaum appeared at a mass rally in Mexico City's colonial-era main plaza to participate in a ceremony involving an all-women committee representing Mexico's approximately 70 Indigenous groups. Sheinbaum was blessed by Ernestina Ortiz, a 'spiritual guide'. AP

Exciting fare on cards

Teams look to end Australia's dominance in T20 World Cup in UAE

PTI
DUBAI

The likes of India, England and South Africa will strive to end Australia's unrivalled dominance in the Women's T20 World Cup, beginning with a doubleheader in Sharjah on Thursday.

Bangladesh will take on Scotland in the tournament opener in an afternoon fixture followed by a clash between Asian teams Pakistan and Sri Lanka later in the day at Sharjah. Political unrest in Bangladesh forced the International Cricket Council to shift the 10-team event to the UAE back in August.

The captains of the Women's T20 World Cup: Alyssa Healy (Australia), Harmanpreet Kaur (India), Heather Knight (England) Laura Wolvaardt (South Africa) lead their respective teams in pursuit of championship glory.

Australia the team to beat

Australia will be the team to beat once again, having won the last three editions and six out of the nine editions staged thus far.

England, India and South Africa have repeatedly shown that the Australian fortress can be breached but when it comes to World Cup events, the team from Down Under remains invincible. With Meg Lanning walking into the sunset following the triumph in South Africa about 18 months ago, Alyssa Healy has been handed the captaincy to maintain Australia's supremacy in global events.

Healy would like to lead from the front but if she is not able to, she can rely on the squad full of match winners including Ellyse Perry, Ashleigh Gardner and Grace Harris. Witnessing the pace duo of Tayla Vlaeminck and Darcie Brown in operation will also be exciting. Australia have been clubbed in Group A alongside India, Pakistan, New Zealand and Sri Lanka while Group B has England, South Africa, West Indies, Bangladesh and Scotland. The top two teams from each group qualify for the semifinals.

Can India go all the way?

Another team that always challenges Australia but has hitherto not able to cross the final hurdle is India.

The Harmanpreet-Kaur-led side has lost two big T20 finals to Australia — the Commonwealth Games in 2022 and T20 World Cup in 2020.

India go into the event having not got a lot of game time following their surprising loss to Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup final. The team has worked extensively on its fitness and fielding, hoping it will make a big difference to its World Cup campaign.

The conditions could favour a spin-heavy India. In the batting department, the onus will be on openers Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana while Harmanpreet and Richa Ghosh will be expected to hit the sixes in the middle and death overs. Harmanpreet, who has led the team since the 2018 T20 World Cup, will be under tremendous pressure this time around as another loss could bring an end to her captaincy tenure.

Confident England ready for challenge

England, who won the inaugural edition in 2009 before losing three finals to Australia, will take a lot of confidence from the series win against their main rival during the Women's Ashes last year.

The pitches in the UAE are expected to favour the spinners, bringing England's trump card Sophie Ecclestone into play. She will be supported by Sarah Glenn and Charlie Dean. Veteran Nat-Sciver Brunt will provide the X-factor in the batting department.

Opener Maia Bouchier will be one of the World Cup debutants to watch out for. England will be supremely confident about their chances this time around, having whitewashed Pakistan and New Zealand in the summer.

South Africa look to go one better

South Africa rode a wave of home support to make their maiden World Cup final last year. Tasting defeat to Australia in Cape Town, the Proteas have been busy in their preparations to do one better.

The side, now led by Laura Wolvaardt, got its revenge over the reigning champions in Canberra at the beginning of the year. The Proteas have drawn series with Bangladesh, India, New Zealand before victory came over Pakistan earlier this month.

U19: India beat Australia in thriller

CHENNAI

Nikhil Kumar showed excellent temperament on way to an unbeaten half-century under pressure and guided India U-19 to a nervy two-wicket win over Australia U-19 on the third day of the first unofficial Test here on Wednesday.

Coming in at number seven, the left-handed batter Kumar remained not out on 55 off 71 balls as India emerged winners in the final hour of the day's play. This was after leg-spinner Mohamed Enaan did the spadework and returned excellent figures of 6/79 to bowl out Australia for 214 in their second innings.

India's Mohamed Enaan bowls against Australia U-19 on Wednesday. —Photo: PTI

Australia were 110 for four overnight. Set a target of 212, a tricky proposition on this surface, India were dealt a massive blow straightaway as Vaibhav Suryavanshi, who flayed the Australian attack to all parts of Chepauk during his stunning 62-ball 104 in the first innings, fell for just one run in the second over.

Australia's decision to hand the new ball to off-spinner Thomas Brown paid dividends as he had the in-form Suryavanshi caught by wicketkeeper Simon Brown with his second delivery of the innings. Defending a modest total, the visitors heaved a sigh of relief at seeing Suryavanshi walking back to the dressing room at the start of Indian innings, and the Australians found more reasons to cheer when Aidan O'Connor had Vihaan Malhotra caught and bowled for 11 to leave India at 25 for two.

A partnership of 71 runs ensued, between Nitya Pandya (51 off 86 balls) and KP Karthikeya (36 ff 52), as the duo pushed India towards a win.

BRIEF SCORES: Australia U19 293 & 214 in 67.4 overs (Riley Kingsell 48, Aidan O'Connor 35; Mohammed Enaan 6/79) vs India U19: 296 & 214/8 in 61.1 overs (Nitya Pandya 51, Nikhil Kumar no 55; Aidan O'Connor 4/27). PTI

Sarfaraz hits double ton

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The legend of Sarfaraz Khan as a domestic doyen is growing from strength to strength as his authoritative double hundred for Mumbai not only put Rest of India under immediate pressure in the ongoing Irani Cup but will also keep the seasoned KL Rahul on toes when the Indian team embarks on the Test tour of Australia next month.

Sarfaraz Khan

Sarfaraz (221 batting, 276 balls) became the first ever cricketer to score an Irani Cup double hundred for Mumbai, with the 42-time champions reaching 536 for 9 at the end of the second day. Wasim Jaffer (Vidarbha), Ravi Shastri, Praveen Amre and Yashasvi Jaiswal (all for Rest of India) are double centurions in the Irani Cup. It has been a tough week for Sarfaraz as his younger brother Musheer, who was also supposed to play the game, was ruled out of competitive cricket for 16 weeks after a road accident. If his brother and father Naushad's car accident had perturbed him, it didn't seem so in his batting as he went hammer and tongs at the Rest of India bowling attack. He played 160 dot balls but still maintained a 80 percent strike-rate, largely due to his 25 boundaries and four sixes. Skipper Ajinkya Rahane (97 off 234 balls) missed out on a 40th first-class hundred but the second day belonged to Sarfaraz. His 15th first-class century will certainly dispel all doubts about his slot as reserve middle-order batter for the remainder of the Test season (8 games).

Rahul, who got back his middle-order slot from Sarfaraz, did well in Kanpur but the team management and even the Karnataka batter knows that the stockily built Mumbaikar is breathing down his neck. The Ekana Stadium track had underlying moisture on the second day and the dampness contributed to ball seaming around initially and the extra bounce made it challenging for batters. His driving on the off-side was regal while there is nothing more to add to his footwork against spinners.

BRIEF SCORES: Mumbai 536/9 decl (Sarfaraz Khan 221 no, Ajinkya Rahane 97, Mukesh Kumar 4/109, Yash Dayal 2/89) vs Rest of India. PTI

Bumrah tops ICC Test rankings

Replaces Ashwin to lead bowling chart, Jaiswal jumps to No.3

DUBAI

India's pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah is back at the summit of the ICC Test bowling rankings following his match haul of six wickets in the second Test against Bangladesh in Kanpur.

The 30-year-old replaced his India team-mate Ravichandran Ashwin - Player of the Series against Bangladesh - at the top of the chart. Spinner Ravindra Jadeja maintained his sixth place, while fellow spinner Kuldeep Yadav stayed in 16th.

India's Jasprit Bumrah in action during the second Test against Bangladesh in Kanpur. —Photo: AP

In batting, Player of the Match from the Kanpur Test, Yashasvi Jaiswal, moved to a career-high third position after just 11 Tests. Jaiswal played scintillating knocks of 72 and 51 and helped India win the rain-marred match by seven wickets. With 792 rating points, the 22-year-old is behind second-placed Kane Williamson (829) and Joe Root (899). Also, veteran Indian batter Virat Kohli is back in the top 10, gaining six places to rise to the sixth position after knocks of 47 and 29 in Kanpur.

Rishabh Pant, too, remained in the top 10, dropping three spots to ninth, with skipper Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill on 15th and 16th, respectively. As for the all-rounders, there has been no significant change in the rankings, with Jadeja holding the top spot, followed by Ashwin at second and Axar Patel at seventh.

In team rankings, India were in the second spot with 120 rating points, separated from leader Australia by four points, while England remained in the third place with 108 points. Meanwhile, the Indians continued to rule the World Test Championship (WTC) table, having a point percentage of 74.24% after 11 fixtures, above second-placed Australia (62.50% in 12 Tests). PTI

In Brief

NEW DELHI

Santosh Trophy games in Hyd

Hyderabad will host the final rounds of the 78th National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy for the first time in 57 years, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) announced on Wednesday. The last time the City of Pearls hosted the prestigious tournament was in the 1966-67 season when Railways defeated Services to lift the trophy in an all-institutional final. The final rounds are tentatively scheduled for the first week of December.

NEW DELHI

Jaiswal, Siraj win fielding awards

Left-handed opener Yashasvi Jaiswal and fast-bowler Mohammed Siraj were jointly awarded the best fielder medal after India's 2-0 series win over Bangladesh, after claiming a whirlwind seven-wicket win at the Green Park Stadium in Kanpur. In a video posted on bcci.tv, India's fielding coach T Dilip revealed Jaiswal and Siraj beat competition from captain Rohit Sharma and batter KL Rahul to grab the best fielder in the series honour.

NEW DELHI

England arrive in Pak for Tests

England men's Test team has arrived in Multan ahead of a three-match series against Pakistan. England will play the first two Tests in Multan, starting on October 7 and 15, respectively, followed by a match in Rawalpindi from October 24. "England's Test team receives a traditional welcome as they arrive in Multan!" wrote the PCB on its X account. England had clinched a 3-0 victory over Pakistan on their last trip in 2022.

NEW DELHI

Shooters continue to shine

Divanshi and Mukesh Nelavalli clinched gold medals in their respective women's and men's 25m pistol as India added another five gold medals on day four of the ISSF Junior World Championship in Lima, Peru. The added haul took India's overall tally to 14 with 10 gold, one silver and three bronze medals so far in the competition. Divanshi shot a score of 35 to pip Italian Cristina Magnani by two points in the final.

STREAMING NOW

Football: Europa League, Lazio vs Nice, 10:15 pm on Sony Sports Ten 1

Porto vs Man Utd, 12.30 am (Friday) on Sony Sports Ten 2v

Short takes

CRICKET AUCKLAND

Southee quits New Zealand captaincy ahead of India tour

Medium-Pacer Tim Southee has stepped down from New Zealand captaincy ahead of the three-Test series against India and Tom Latham has been appointed in the veteran pacer's place. Southee captained New Zealand in 14 Tests in which the Kiwis won six, lost six and drew two. "I've always tried to put the team first throughout my career and I believe this decision is the best for the team," said Southee in a New Zealand Cricket statement.

CRICKET KARACHI

Babar resigns as Pak captain from limited-overs cricket

Babar Azam has tendered his resignation for the second time as Pakistan's captain with Mohammad Rizwan likely to replace him in limited-overs formats later this month. Babar released a statement on X on Wednesday announcing he had informed the Pakistan Cricket Board and team management about his desire to quit sometime last month. While Babar did not state when he had informed the board and team management about his decision to quit.

FOOTBALL LONDON

Bukayo Saka backs Arsenal to clinch Premier League title

After captaining Arsenal to an impressive win over Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League fixture on Wednesday (IST), forward Bukayo Saka has said "this is the year" when the Gunners will end their 21-year wait for a Premier League title. "I don't want to put too much pressure on us but I do think this is the year. I think we've been close the last two years and yeah, we're getting closer. But yeah, this hopefully will be the year," Saka said.

FOOTBALL NEW DELHI

Nunes arrested for phone snatching in Madrid: Report

Manchester City's Matheus Nunes was arrested in September for snatching a mobile phone in Madrid. According to a report from the Spanish newspaper El Mundo, Nunes was arrested in Madrid on September 8 at around 5:30 AM on suspicion of stealing a mobile phone. The 26-year-old was accused of taking a phone from a 58-year-old man in a nightclub bathroom at La Riviera, Madrid. The man had allegedly attempted to take a photo of Nunes without his permission.

FOOTBALL LONDON

Defender Ollie signs long-term deal with West Ham United

West Ham United has announced that academy defender Ollie Scarles has signed a new long-term contract with the club. Following in the footsteps of Kaelan Casey, George Earthy, Patrick Kelly, Callum Marshall, Regan Clayton, Gideon Kodua and Lewis Orford, Scarles is the latest member of West Ham's 2023 FA Youth Cup-winning squad to have committed his future to the Hammers. Scarles has been an instrumental part of the Academy's success recently.

Gritty Alcaraz seals China Open title

Fights back to end top-ranked Sinner's 14 matches winning run

AP
BEIJING

Carlos Alcaraz won seven straight points in the decisive tiebreaker to beat top-ranked Jannik Sinner 6-7 (6), 6-4, 7-6 (3) and win the China Open on Wednesday, extending his recent mastery over his biggest rival — who is dealing with an ongoing doping case.

The third-ranked Alcaraz has now won all three of his meetings with Sinner this year, having also come out on top in semifinals at Indian Wells and the French Open. Alcaraz also ended Sinner's winning streak at 14 matches and denied the Italian three straight titles after trophies in Cincinnati and at the U.S. Open.

Sinner, had to refocus after the World Anti-Doping Agency announced on Saturday that it was appealing a decision to clear him. Alcaraz wasted a 5-2 lead in the first set and also let Sinner get back in the third after leading 4-2 before eventually edging it out after also falling behind 3-0 in the final-set tiebreaker.

Sinner and Alcaraz have accounted for all four Grand Slam titles this year between them — evenly split at two each: Sinner won the Australian Open and the U.S. Open while Alcaraz won the French Open and Wimbledon.

Carlos Alcaraz reacts after winning against Jannik Sinner during their final of the China Open on Wednesday. — Photo: AP

Alcaraz improved to 6-4 in his career against Sinner after their 10th meeting in what has become tennis' top rivalry following the 60 matches between Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. WADA is seeking a ban of one to two years for Sinner in a case that might not be resolved before Sinner begins the defense of his Australian Open title in January.

Sinner tested positive twice for an anabolic steroid in March but was not banned in a decision by an independent tribunal announced by the International Tennis Integrity Agency in August because the ITIA determined he was not to blame.

Sinner's accepted explanation was that the banned performance-enhancer entered his system unintentionally through a massage from his physiotherapist, who had used a spray containing the steroid to treat his own cut finger.

Sabalenka advances to quarters

BEIJING: Second-ranked Aryna Sabalenka matched her career-best 15 straight wins after beating Madison Keys 6-4, 6-3 to advance to the quarterfinals of the China Open on Wednesday.

The three-time Grand Slam winner started her streak with a title at Cincinnati in August and continued with a run to the championship at the US Open last month. She also won the Australian Open earlier in the year. Her previous streak of 15 was achieved across the 2020-21 seasons.

"When you're able to sacrifice a lot and you're able to work hard and you're able to get these wins, that's the best feeling," Sabalenka said. "You're just living your best life. You're excited to play your matches. You're excited to face whatever fight you going to face." The Belarusian has won 30 of 31 sets played during her current streak. AP

Dortmund demolish Celtic

Adeyemi nets hat-trick in team's 7-1 win in Champions League

LONDON

Karim Adeyemi starred as Borussia Dortmund ran riot against Celtic while Barcelona and Manchester City claimed their first wins in the restructured Champions League.

Adeyemi scored a first-half hat trick as Dortmund routed Celtic 7-1 at home. It was the second big win from a German team in the competition after Bayern Munich's 9-2 bashing of Dinamo Zagreb in the first matchday.

Robert Lewandowski got Barcelona off the mark as the Spanish giant eased to a 5-0 home win over Swiss team Young Boys, while his former teammate Ilkay Gündogan got City off to a 4-0 win at Slovan Bratislava. Erling Haaland scored his 42nd goal in his 41st Champions League game.

City was held 0-0 by Inter Milan in their opening game, while Barca responded to its 2-1 loss at Monaco, the team's first defeat under new coach Hansi Flick. Mikel Arteta's Arsenal outclassed his former team Paris Saint-Germain in a 2-0 win with Kai Havertz and Bukayo Saka scoring in the first half for the Gunners. PSG coach Luis Enrique's gamble on leaving Ousmane Dembélé out did not pay off. Arteta enjoyed a successful 18-month loan spell at PSG while still he was still a teenager at Barcelona.

Dortmund's Karim Adeyemi in action during the Champions League match against Celtic.

Dortmund fans cry Though the Dortmund team appears to have adapted to the new competition format very well — last season's beaten finalist has 10 goals from two games after starting with a 3-0 win over Club Brugge — its fans made their opposition to the reforms clear with a huge tifo slamming UEFA.

This season UEFA changed the structure of Europe's premier competition to add four more teams. The group stage was scrapped for a league system with each of the now 36 participating teams playing eight opponents once in the first phase of the competition. UEFA claimed the changes would ensure more evenly matched games, but Tuesday's results — the big wins for Barca, City and Dortmund — appear to belie that claim.

There were more big wins Tuesday with Inter Milan defeating Red Star Belgrade 4-0, and tournament debutant Brest routing Salzburg 4-0 away for its second win in as many games in Europe's premier competition. Iran forward Mehdi Taremi struck a penalty past Israel and Red Star goalkeeper Omri Glazer and set up two more goals for Inter hours after his country launched a barrage of missiles at Israel. Senegalese forward Abdallah Sima netted twice for Brest to take his tally to three goals in two games after he scored in the French team's tournament-opening 2-1 win over Austrian champion Sturm Graz. AP

In Brief

HYDERABAD

Pasha TG football skating chief

Mohd Khaja Pasha was elected as the President of the Football Skating Association of Telangana at the association's Annual General Body Meeting held at Mamidipally on Wednesday. The other elected members include Mohd Naseer Uddin (Vice president), G Raj Reddy (Secretary), Syed Ahsan Ahmed (Joint secretary) and Shazain Begum (Treasurer).

NEW DELHI

Kho Kho WC in India next year

The first edition of the Kho Kho World Cup will be held in India next year and will feature 16 men's and women's teams from 24 countries. "Our ultimate goal is to see Kho Kho recognised as an Olympic sport by 2032 and this World Cup is the first step towards that dream," said KKFI president Sudhanshu Mittal.

MUMBAI

ISL: Mumbai, BFC play out draw

Bengaluru FC held Mumbai City FC to a goalless draw to continue their unbeaten run and hold on to the top spot in their Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 on Wednesday. Bengaluru FC goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu stood tall to deny the home team from converting multiple goal-scoring chances.

TT: Rishabh triumphs

Medal winners of the table tennis tournament on Wednesday.

SPORTS BUREAU
Hyderabad

Rishabh Singh of AWA and Aniyah Anand of LFHSA won the Under-17 boys' and girls' titles respectively in the Telangana State Ranking Table Tennis League Champion held at Shree Gujarati Seva Mandal, Secunderabad on Wednesday.

RESULTS: Boys: 1. Rishabh Singh (AWA), 2. Tarun Kedarnath (GSM), 3. Akshay Khajandar (AWA), 4. Devansh Singh (LFHSA); Girls: 1. Aniyah Anand (LFHSA), 2. Srividya (SPARS), 3. Sri Saanvi (SPARS), 4. S Gayathri Krishna (GSM).

Ranji: Tilak to lead Hyderabad

SPORTS BUREAU
Hyderabad

Tilak Varma will lead the Hyderabad senior team in the upcoming Ranji Trophy tournament. The squad has been announced for the first two matches, to be played at Hyderabad from October 11 to 14 and Dehradun from October 18 to 21.

SQUAD: Tilak Varma (C), Rahul Singh G (VC), CV Milind, Tanmay Agarwal, Rohit Rayudu, Tanay Thyagarajan, Aniketh Reddy, Nitesh Kannala, Abhirath Reddy, Himateja, Rahul Radesh, Rakshann Readdi, Kartikeya Kak, Saranu Nishant, Dheeraj Goud; Standbys: Budhi Rahul, Varun Goud, Rishab Baslas, Bhagath Varma, Ajay Dev Goud; Coaching Staff: Vineet Saxena (Head Coach), Ameet SN (Asst Coach).

Tilak-led Hyderabad to start their campaign on October 11.

Adithya, Jayashree win

Medal winners of the Carrom tournament in Hyderabad.

SPORTS BUREAU
Hyderabad

S Adithya from Hyderabad and P Jayashree of IOCL won the men's and women's singles titles at the Telangana State Senior Open Ranking Carrom Tournament held in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

RESULTS: Singles: Men: S Adithya (HYD), 2. V Anil Kumar (AGs), 3. K Srinivas (IOCL); Women: P Jayashree (IOCL), 2. V Nagajyothi (IC.TAX), 3. V Aini Reddy (ASHS); Veterans: 1. Srikanth Vetsa (Infosys), 2. U Giridhar (HYD), 3. YSR Subramanyam (HYD); Women: 1. A Pallavi (LIC), 2. B Padmaja (AGs), 3. B Kalavathy (HYD).

Horoscope

J U B Sastry

ARIES
Aries (March 21-April 20)
With blissful Jupiter moving in attitude zone, remorse may bring about a drastic change in your attitude. You may be concerned with your fluctuating fortunes. Trying to enhance financial worth by launching new initiatives, you may think that aggressiveness is the only solution to achieve success. At home, you will find family members in different moods over key issues.

TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)
It seems you are envious of some of the people around as you think you are being outsmarted. Don't you know that envy is the sole reason that leads to bitterness among people? As you involve in work, you will find some people ready to be outsmarted and some others outsmarting you. You have to move along with all with a perfect balancing act.

GEMINI
(May 22- June 21)
It seems one of your friends has betrayed you leaving you in financial losses. It may be your mistake that you have befriended an elderly person reposing immense confidence in him. Is the confidence based on give-and-take policy? You must learn that you should befriend equals and not people who are above your age. When will you realise this?

CANCER
(June 22- July 22)
Mars in debilitation can make you accident-prone. If you are driving a two- or four-wheeler on a short- or long-distance journey, avoid rash driving for safety. As Southern Node establishes square relationship with Mars, accident-prone tendencies may grow multifold. If you are at home, ensure your washrooms are not slippery. If you have no work outside, stick to home.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 23)
Don't be impatient when you deal with official chores. As you are under abundant influence of retrograde Saturn, you may act short-tempered when you need to act in peace. With Venus entrenching itself in Scorpio, you may get violent also forgetting your status. You must learn the nuances of acting as per the circumstances. Going out of moods may trouble you.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
You may look determined to change the world around by implementing unconventional ideas. You may think your decisions and actions are the catalysts for heralding new awakening. This may be quite true theoretically but when you try to implement your ideas, you may be missing inherent flaws. Work on them to achieve perfect results and reach objectives.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
Squaring of Jupiter and Saturn may ignite inner feelings. You may feel you are not benefitting from anyone in anyway while people around you, including friends and colleagues, are benefitting a lot from you. But, is it not true that you have failed to make use of opportunities unveiled by them? Grab opportunities when they knock at your door. Arrival of guests may please you.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
You may be fond of intellectual conversations for enhancing knowledge. Your eagerness to indulge in useful conversation with equals on contemporary issues may be multifold. As Mercury moves in combustion in Libra, you may incline to discuss favoured points than official / professional issues. You may look determined on carrying forward your ideas.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Issues of ethics, morals and justice may attract your attention. These things may not be of your interest in general but your mother, or an elderly person at home, may seek your attention to these topics citing various instances of people. You may learn how strict adherence to ethics will change lives of people for good or bad. You may develop interest.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Various avocations and useless thoughts may keep you diverted from the main activity. You may make a good beginning as the day begins. But as the dusk approaches, you may fumble towards the fag end of your tasks. Unexpected technical issues may restrain you from going ahead. You may go home late leaving most of the tasks unfinished.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
You may be in a mood to let everyone know that you are informative and the info you disseminate is authentic. There is no doubt you are talkative but the problem is that you may not know where to stop, when to take a gap and how to end the topic / subject. You should be familiar with the tenets of your talk when you interact with others.

PISCES
(Feb. 20-March 20)
It seems that you are attending an evening party as part of your social life. Make sure that your role is limited to natural capacity. Don't succumb to pressures to eat or drink more that goes beyond your digesting capabilities. Also, ensure that you are not part of the group that indulges in gossip about others. Try to enjoy your evening in peace and free of stress.

COMIC STRIPS

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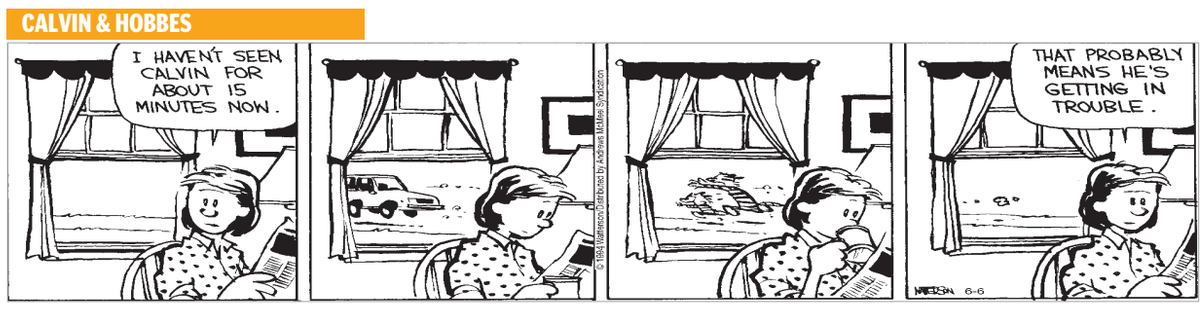

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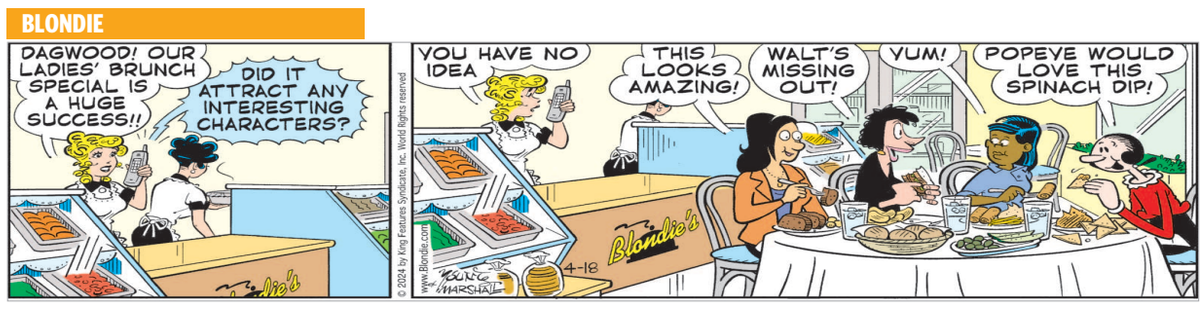
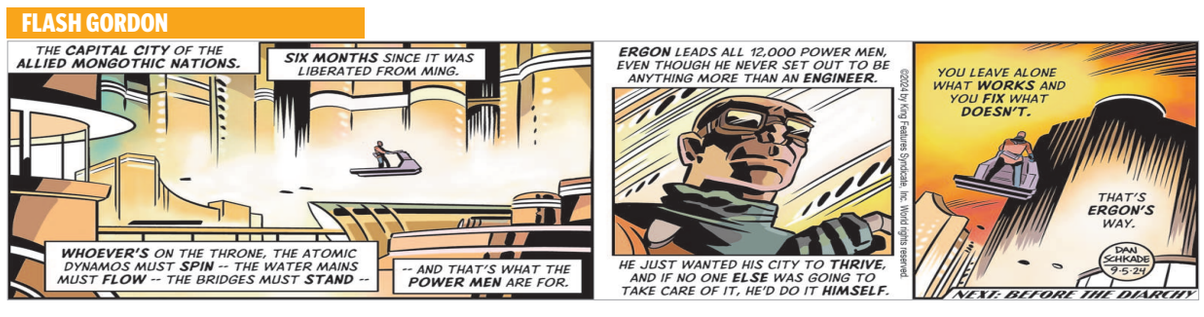
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